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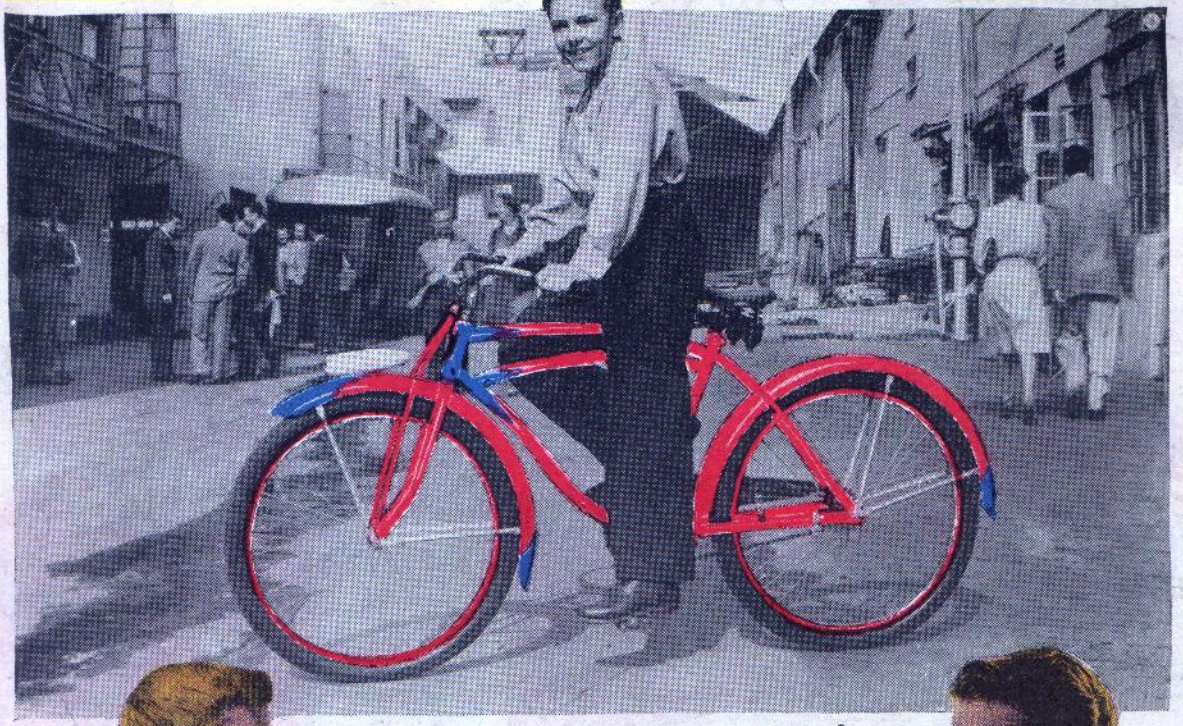

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IN THE CIRCUS, A CLOWN IS KNOWN AS A "JOEY." THE ORIGINAL "JOEY" WAS JOSEPH GRIMALDI, AN ENGLISHMAN, WHO FATHERED THE AMERICAN CLOWNING TRADITION.

IN THE EARLY 1800'S, GRIMALDI PERFORMED NOT IN A CIRCUS RING, BUT ON THE STAGE.

SIR CLOWN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

YOU'LL SEE AS SOON AS I PUT THE POLE THROUGH THE CHEESE.

SEE—YOU'RE MY WHEELBARROW.

GRIMALDI PAVED THE WAY FOR CLOWNING. ONE OF THE FIRST GREAT AMERICAN CLOWNS WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON LAFAYETTE FOX. HE LIVED FROM 1825 TO 1877.

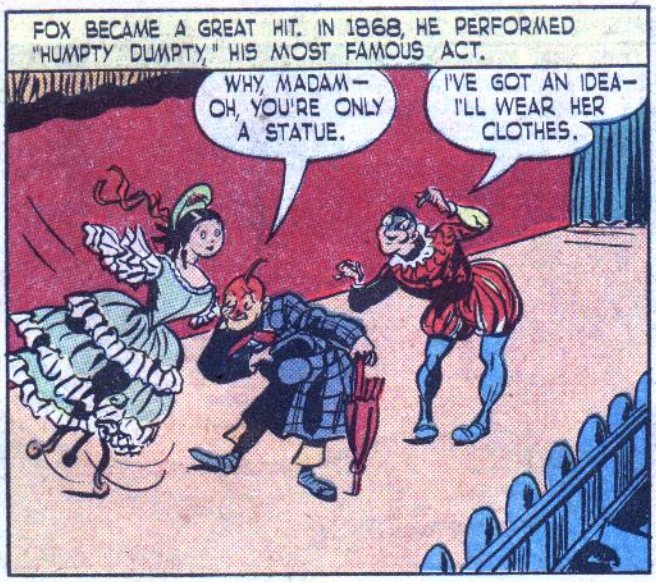
FOX WAS A FLOP AS A CHILD ACTOR, BUT AT TWENTY-FIVE...

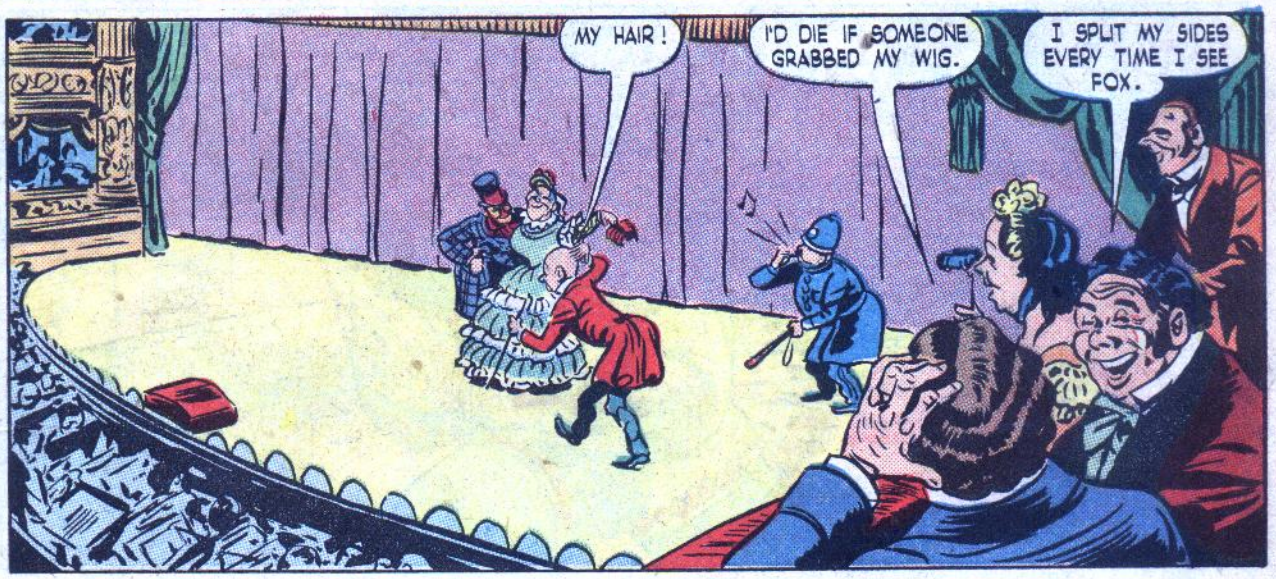
I'VE GOT TO MAKE GOOD TONIGHT.

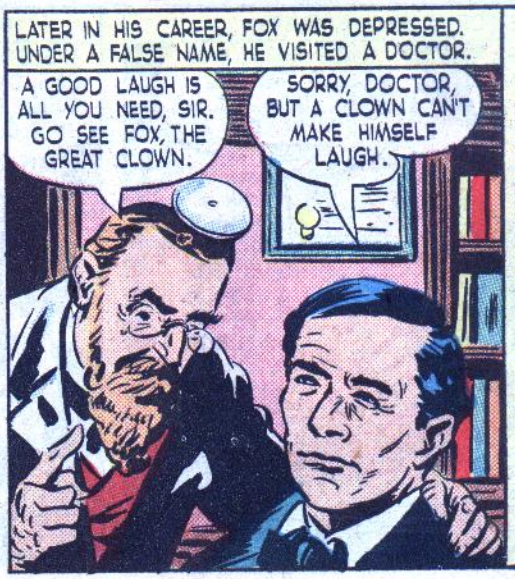
GEORGE L. FOX NEW PANTOMIMIST in "The GOLDEN AX"

STOP, CLOWN,

MOM, THAT CLOWN'S SO FUNNY.

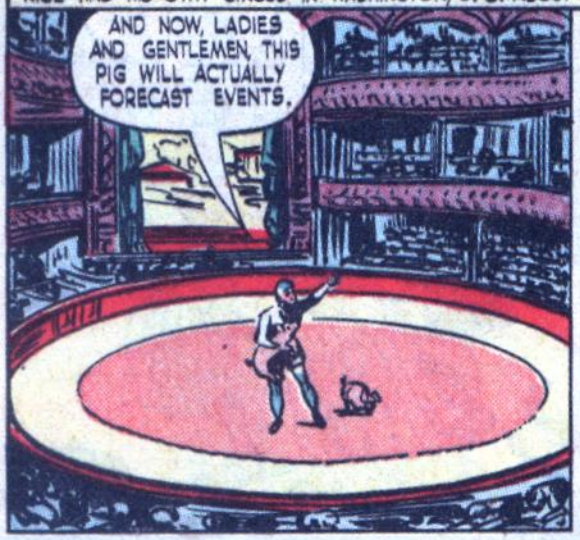


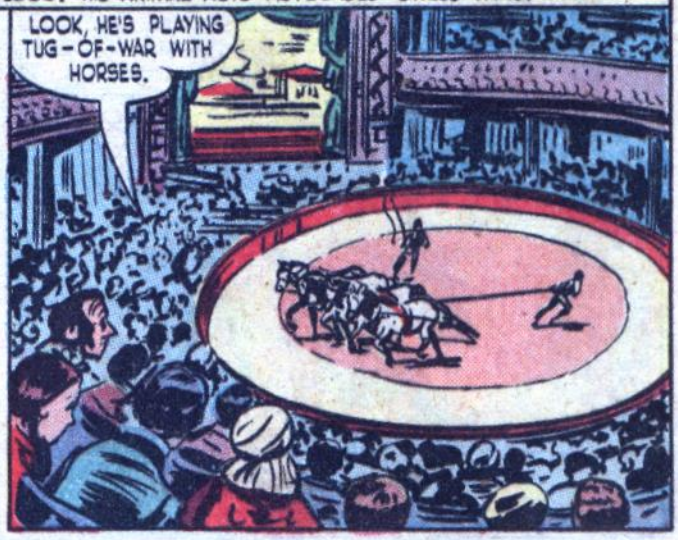




AS FOX WAS LOSING HIS POPULARITY, DAN RICE, A CIRCUS CLOWN, WAS RAPIDLY GAINING FAVOR. BETWEEN 1840 AND 1870, RICE WAS THE MOST POPULAR ENTERTAINER IN THE COUNTRY.

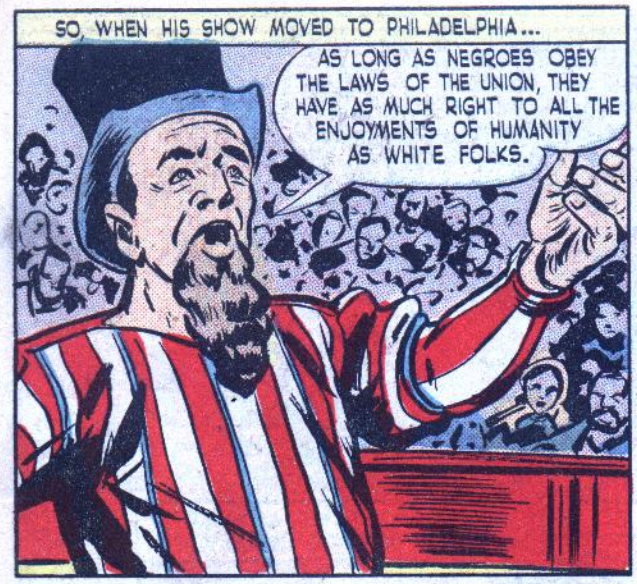
RICE HAD HIS OWN CIRCUS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ABOUT 1860. HIS ANIMAL ACTS ASTOUNDED CIRCUS FANS.

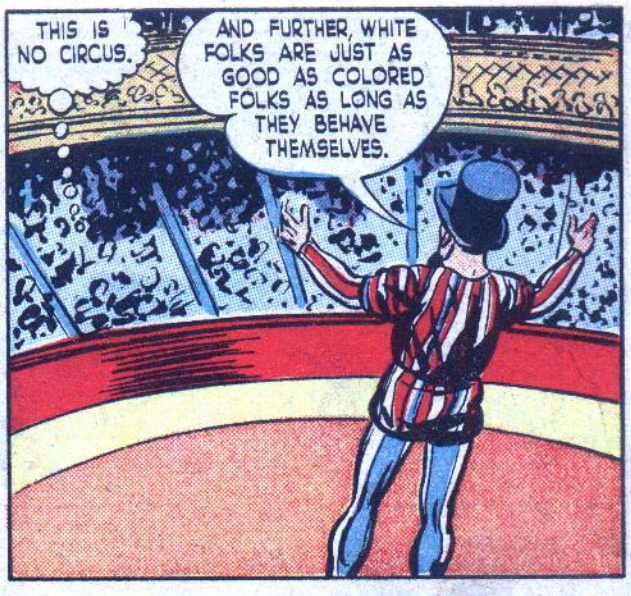


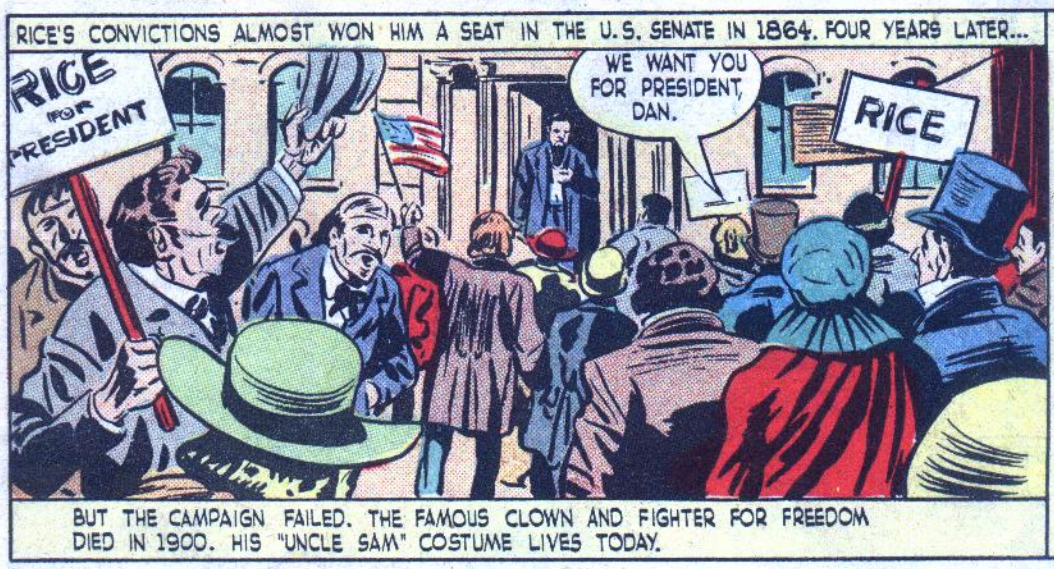


WHEN THE PERFORMANCE WAS OVER...

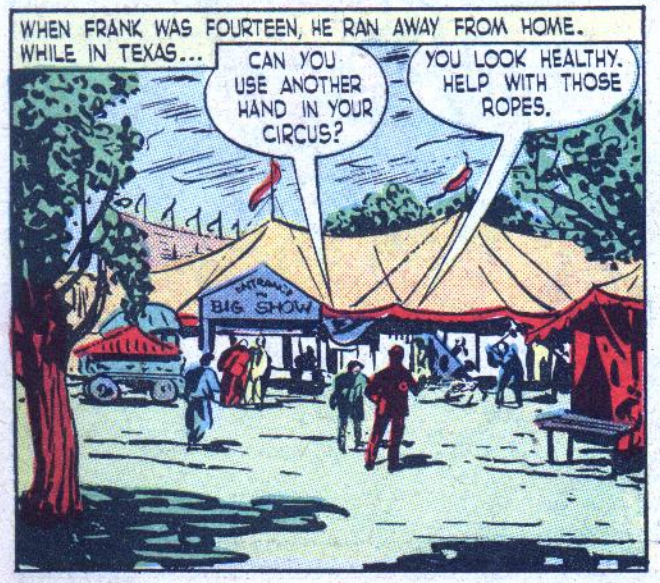
THAT FRIEND WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.







AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, THE ONE-RING CIRCUS OF DAN RICE BECAME HUGE THREE-RING BIG TOPS. CLOWNS BECAME PANTOMIMISTS. THE FIRST GREAT ONE WAS FRANK "SLIVERS" OAKLEY.

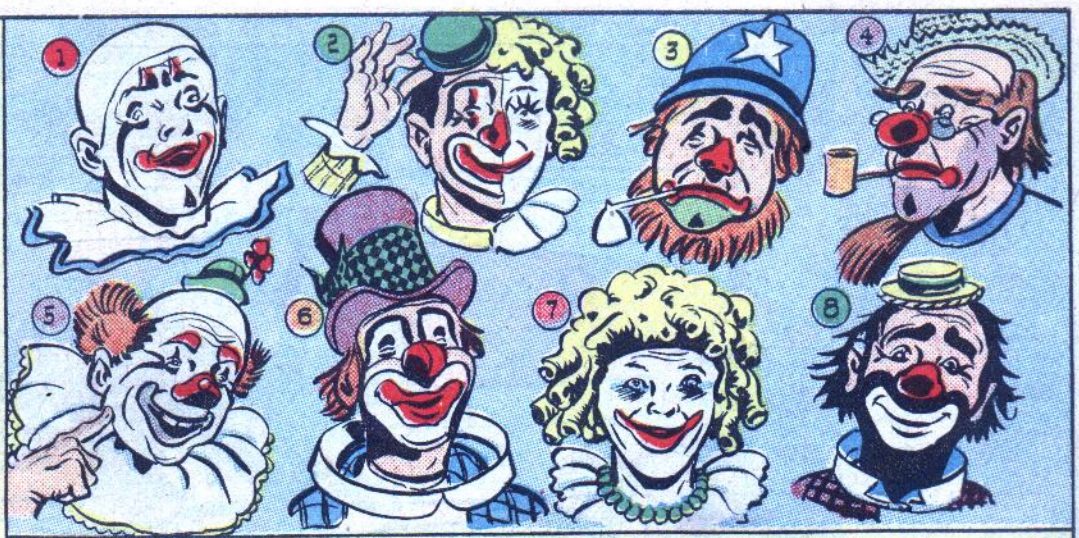


THIS ONE-MAN BASEBALL ACT BROUGHT "SLIVERS" FAME. MILLIONS WATCHED AND LAUGHED.

SLIVERS' CLEVER ACT BROUGHT ADDED POPULARITY TO CLOWNS.

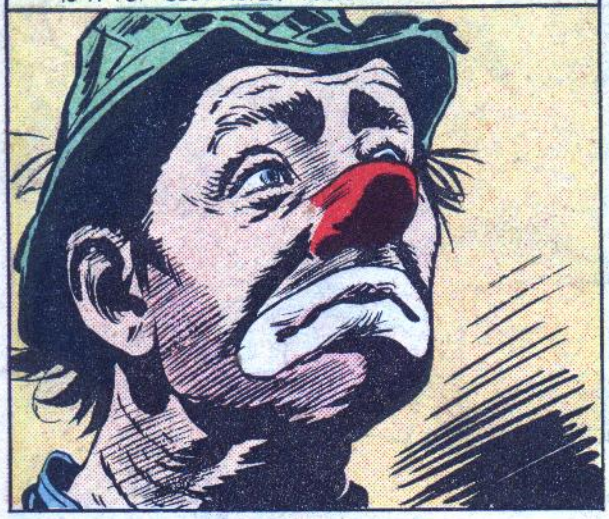
AS THE BIG TOPS ADDED DOZENS OF CLOWNS TO THEIR ACTS, "JOEYS" BEGAN TO VIE FOR THE BEST FACE MAKE-UPS. SOME BASIC TYPES ARE:

1. NEAT.
2. DOUBLE FACE
3. CHARACTER
4. FUNNY RUSTIC
5. GROTESQUE
6. AUGUST
7. FEMALE
8. TRAMP.

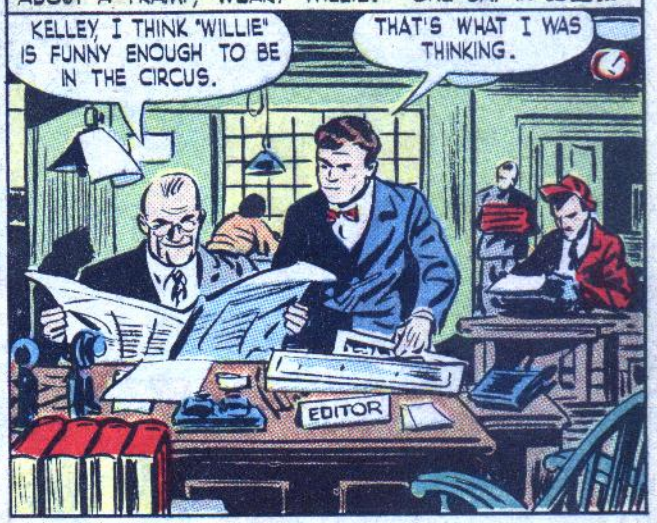


CLOWNS ARE KNOWN TO BEQUEATH THEIR "FACES" TO CLOWN FRIENDS.

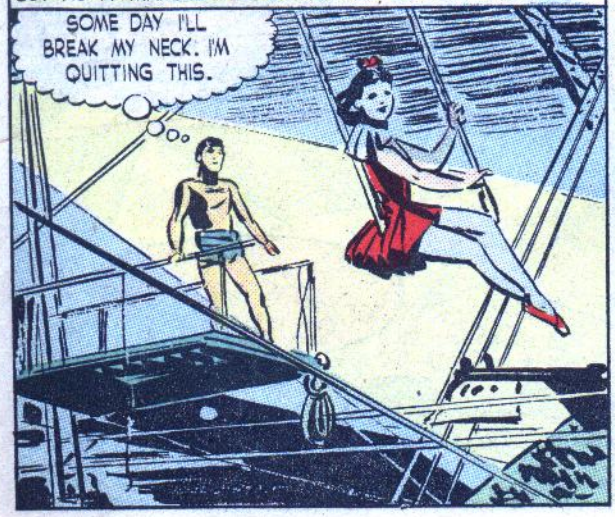
EMMET KELLEY, THE BALL-NOSE TRAMP TYPE, IS A TOP CLOWNSTER TODAY.

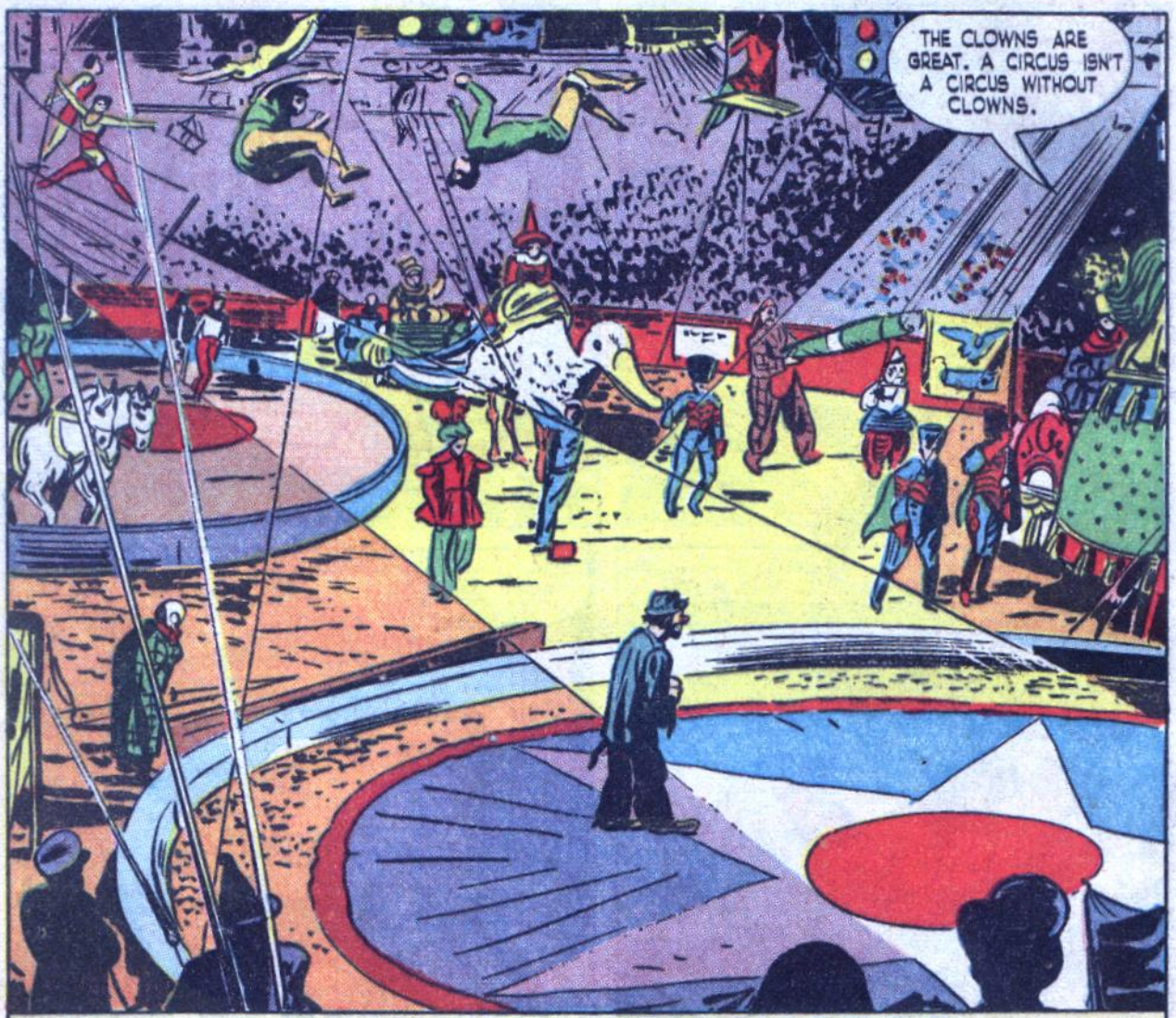


HE STARTED HIS CAREER BY DRAWING A COMIC STRIP ABOUT A TRAMP, "WEARY WILLIE." ONE DAY IN 1923...



SO KELLEY JOINED THE CIRCUS, NOT AS A TRAMP CLOWN, BUT AS A TRAPEZE PERFORMER. AFTER NINE YEARS...

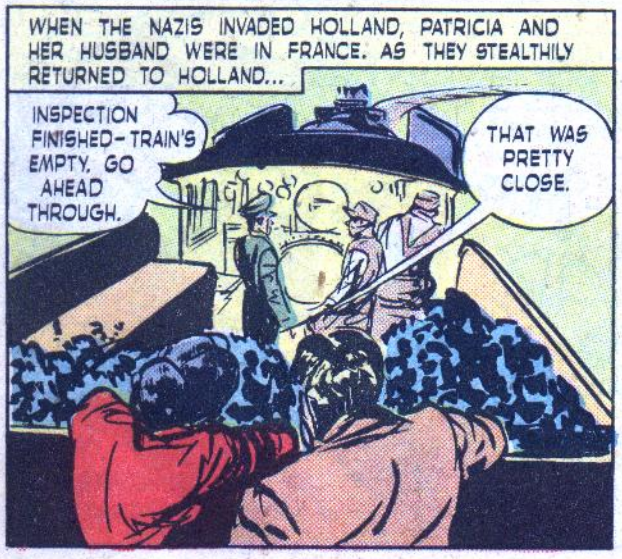




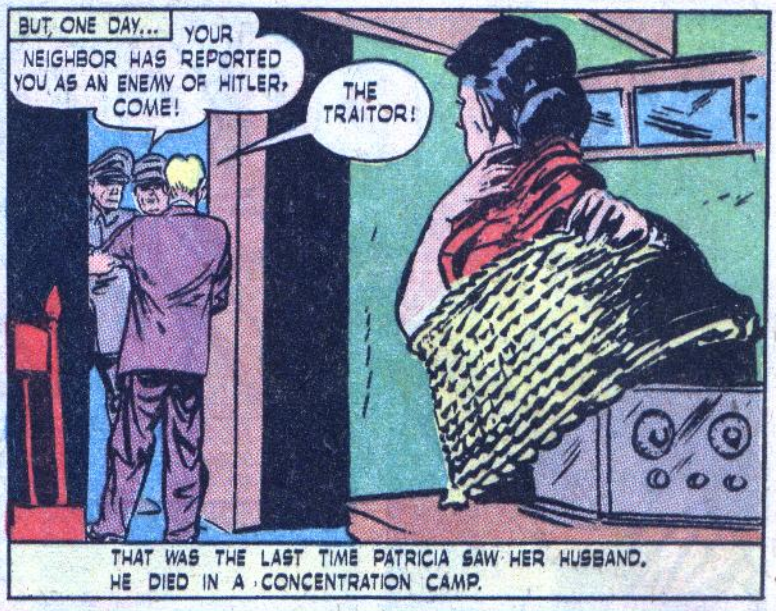
AND SO, IN THE CIRCUS TODAY, FAMOUS CLOWNS, LIKE EMMET KELLEY, CONTINUE THIS GREAT TRADITION OF AMUSEMENT.

UNDERGROUND FIGHTER

SECRETLY AND CLEVERLY, **PATRICIA VAN DELDEN** PLAYED HIDE AND SEEK WITH THE GESTAPO TO HELP HOLLAND AND THE ALLIES.



SOON...
LISTEN, PATRICIA, IT WORKS!
WONDERFUL! WE CAN START SENDING LONDON SOME SECRET MESSAGES.


BUT, ONE DAY...
YOUR NEIGHBOR HAS REPORTED YOU AS AN ENEMY OF HITLER, COME!
THE TRAITOR!
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME PATRICIA SAW HER HUSBAND. HE DIED IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP.

BEWILDERED, BUT DETERMINED TO CONTINUE HER OWN WORK, SHE CHANGED HER NAME TO "SONNEVEER" AND BECAME A SECRET MESSENGER.
NOT A BAD LOOKING GIRL, WILHELM.
HOPE THEY DON'T GET ME OR THOSE PAPERS I SEWED IN MY DRESS.

SONNEVEER LED MANY A DARING PLAN.
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND LEAVE NO CLUES FOR THE NAZIS.
HOW WILL WE EAT WITHOUT RATION CARDS?

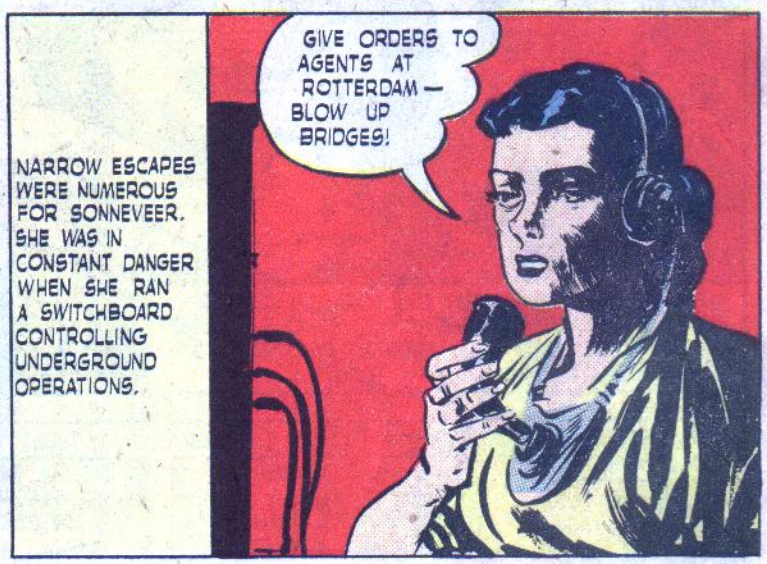
RAID THE GERMANS AND GET SOME.

A FEW DAYS LATER...
DON'T SAY A WORD TO ANYONE ABOUT THESE RATION CARDS OR OUR UNDERGROUND WILL GET YOU.

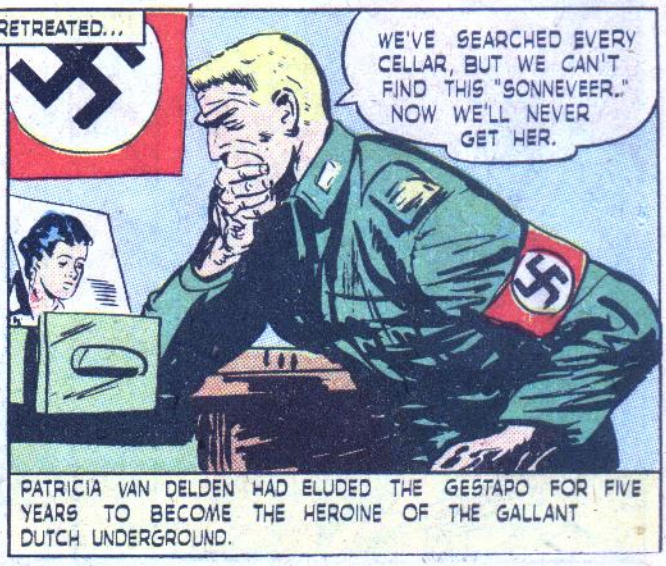
OBTAINING THESE CARDS WAS EASY, SONNEVEER.
GOOD WORK. I'LL TAKE THEM TO DOCTOR X. HE'S WAITING TO DISTRIBUTE THEM.

THE GESTAPO!

THE GESTAPO GOT THE DOCTOR. I'M LUCKY THEY MISSED ME.

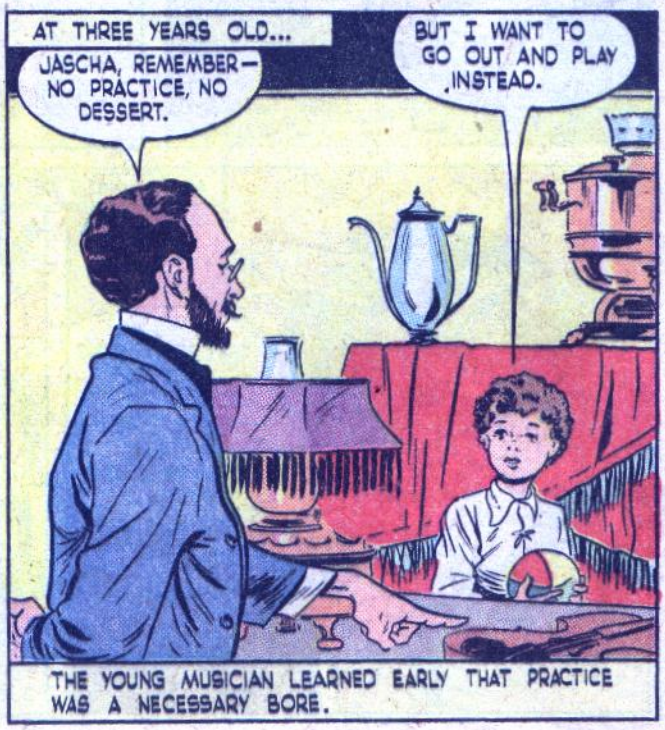

NARROW ESCAPES WERE NUMEROUS FOR SONNEVEER. SHE WAS IN CONSTANT DANGER WHEN SHE RAN A SWITCHBOARD CONTROLLING UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS.
GIVE ORDERS TO AGENTS AT ROTTERDAM — BLOW UP BRIDGES!

AS THE NAZIS RETREATED...
THEY'RE STRIPPING HOLLAND OF FOOD. IF IT WEREN'T FOR THESE TULIP BULBS, I'D STARVE TO DEATH.

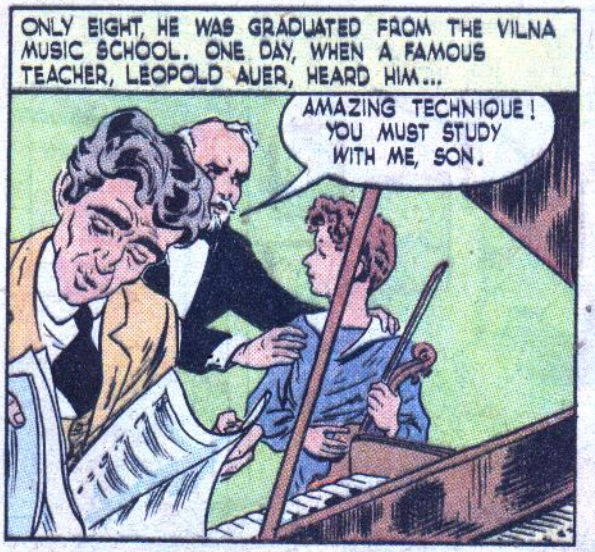

WE'VE SEARCHED EVERY CELLAR, BUT WE CAN'T FIND THIS "SONNEVEER." NOW WE'LL NEVER GET HER.
PATRICIA VAN DELDEN HAD ELUDED THE GESTAPO FOR FIVE YEARS TO BECOME THE HEROINE OF THE GALLANT DUTCH UNDERGROUND.

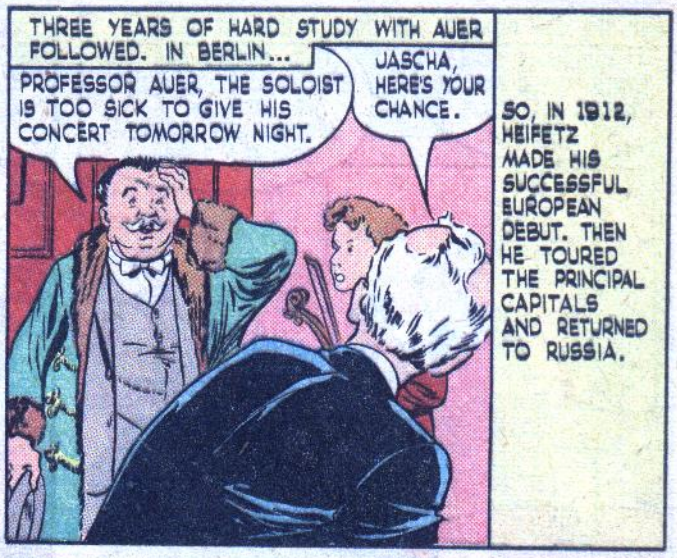
Favorite Fiddler

EXCITEMENT, SURPRISES AND FUN MARK THE CAREER OF **JASCHA HEIFETZ**, THE WORLD-FAMOUS VIOLINIST WHOSE "HORA SWING-CATO" ADDS A NEW ANGLE TO HIS MUSICAL TRIUMPHS.



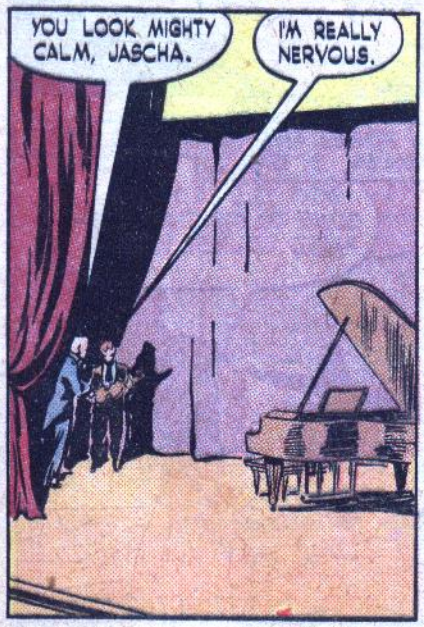
THE YOUNG MUSICIAN LEARNED EARLY THAT PRACTICE WAS A NECESSARY BORE.

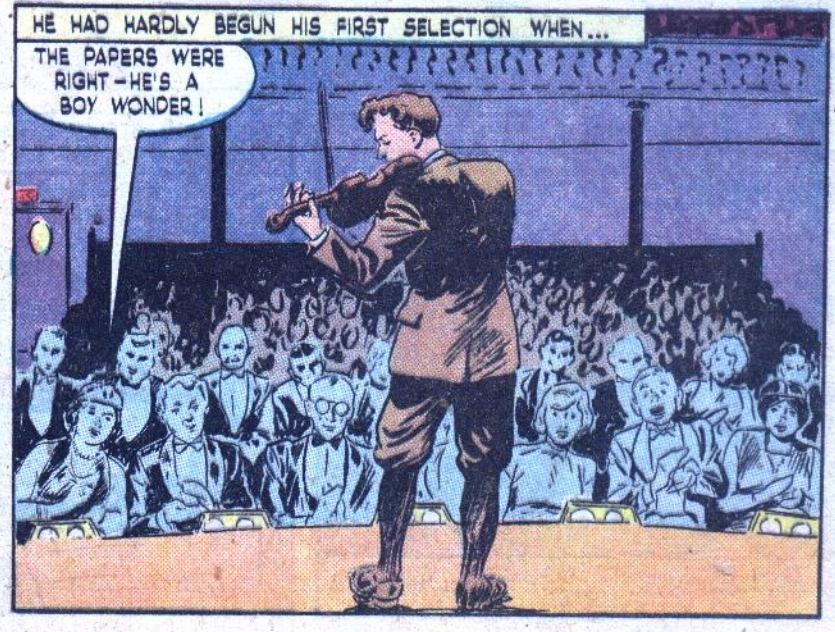

ONLY EIGHT, HE WAS GRADUATED FROM THE VILNA MUSIC SCHOOL. ONE DAY, WHEN A FAMOUS TEACHER, LEOPOLD AUER, HEARD HIM...
AMAZING TECHNIQUE! YOU MUST STUDY WITH ME, SON.

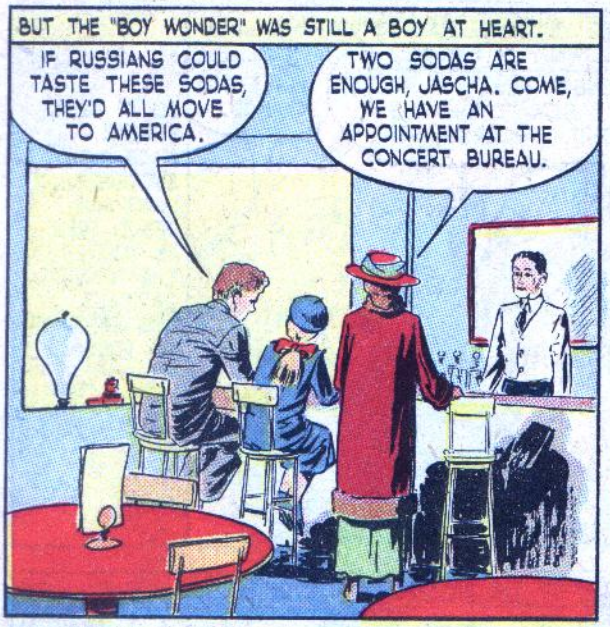

THREE YEARS OF HARD STUDY WITH AUER FOLLOWED. IN BERLIN...
PROFESSOR AUER, THE SOLOIST IS TOO SICK TO GIVE HIS CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT.
JASCHA, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.
SO, IN 1912, HEIFETZ MADE HIS SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN DEBUT. THEN HE TOURED THE PRINCIPAL CAPITALS AND RETURNED TO RUSSIA.

IN 1917 HE SAILED FOR HIS AMERICAN DEBUT.
I KEEP THINKING ABOUT MY FIRST VIOLIN. IT BROUGHT ME GOOD LUCK.
IT'S LOST— YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGET ABOUT IT.

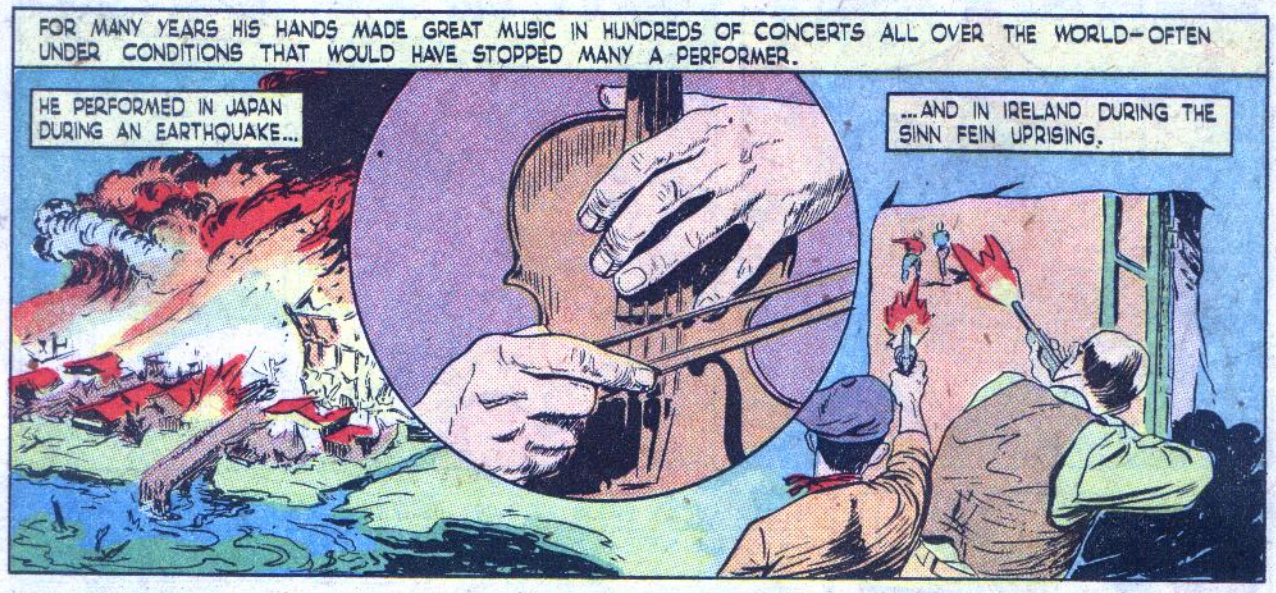
ON THE DAY OF THE SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD ARTIST'S DEBUT...
THIS BOY CAN'T BE AS GOOD AS THE PAPERS SAY HE IS.
CARNEGIE HALL
JASCHA HEIFETZ
BOY VIOLINIST FROM RUSSIA MAKES DEBUT
October 27, 1917.


YOU LOOK MIGHTY CALM, JASCHA.
I'M REALLY NERVOUS.

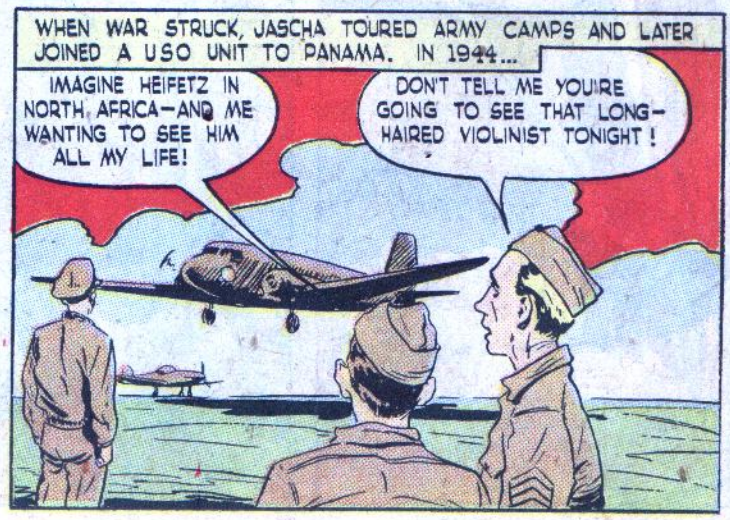

HE HAD HARDLY BEGUN HIS FIRST SELECTION WHEN...
THE PAPERS WERE RIGHT—HE'S A BOY WONDER!


BUT THE "BOY WONDER" WAS STILL A BOY AT HEART.
IF RUSSIANS COULD TASTE THESE SODAS, THEY'D ALL MOVE TO AMERICA.
TWO SODAS ARE ENOUGH, JASCHA. COME, WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE CONCERT BUREAU.

WE PLAN, MRS. HEIFETZ, TO SEND HIM ON A TOUR OF THE STATES, AND THEN ABROAD.
WOLFSON MUSICAL BUREAU

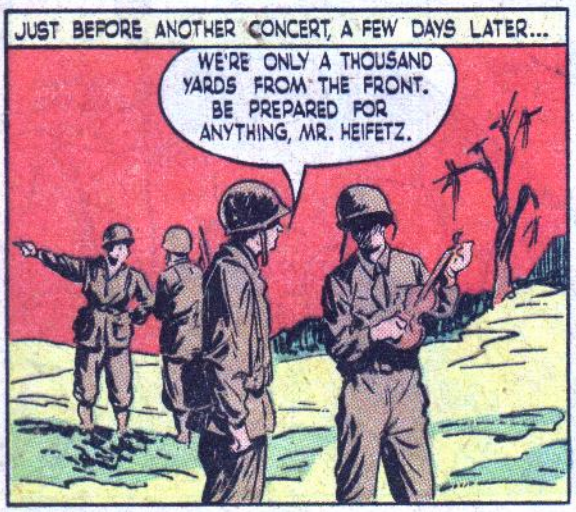

FOR MANY YEARS HIS HANDS MADE GREAT MUSIC IN HUNDREDS OF CONCERTS ALL OVER THE WORLD—OFTEN UNDER CONDITIONS THAT WOULD HAVE STOPPED MANY A PERFORMER.
HE PERFORMED IN JAPAN DURING AN EARTHQUAKE...
...AND IN IRELAND DURING THE SINN FEIN UPRISING.

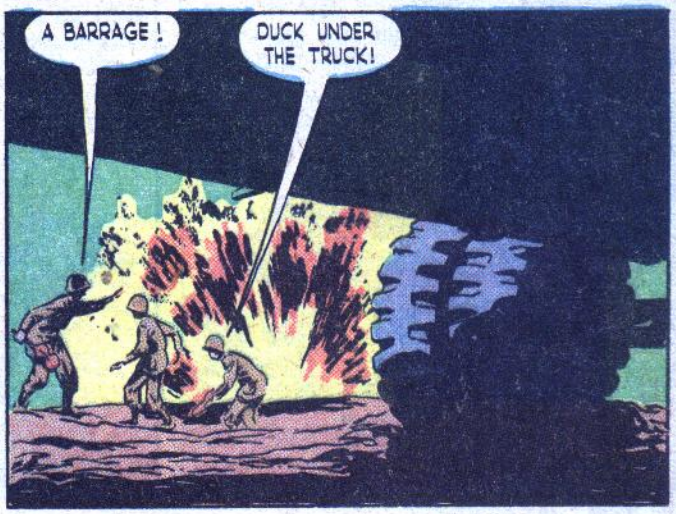
IN 1934, WHILE VISITING RUSSIA...
WE FOUND YOUR FIRST VIOLIN.
OH, THANK YOU! I'VE BEEN LONGING FOR IT.
EVER SINCE, HEIFETZ HAS CARRIED IT WITH HIM FOR GOOD LUCK.


WHEN WAR STRUCK, JASCHA TOURED ARMY CAMPS AND LATER JOINED A USO UNIT TO PANAMA. IN 1944...
IMAGINE HEIFETZ IN NORTH AFRICA—AND ME WANTING TO SEE HIM ALL MY LIFE!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THAT LONG-HAIRED VIOLINIST TONIGHT!

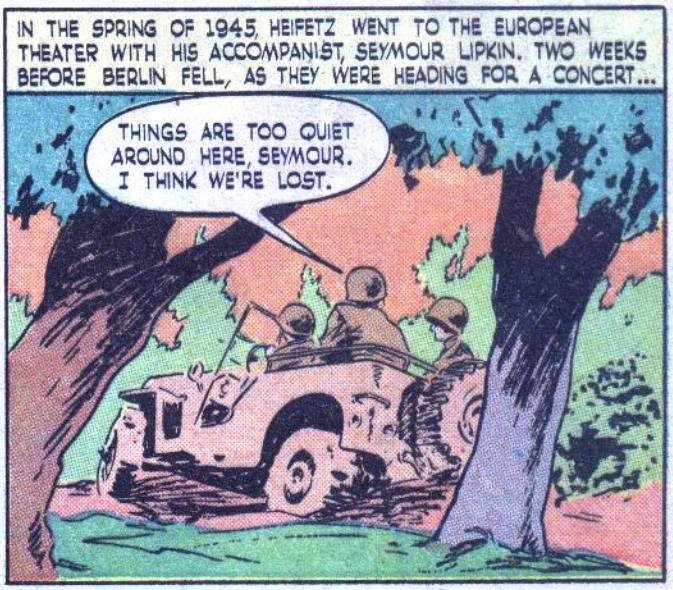
THAT NIGHT...
THIS NUMBER BY BACH IS LIKE SPINACH. YOU MAY NOT LIKE IT BUT IT'S GOOD FOR YOU.
SO YOU CAME, ANYWAY.

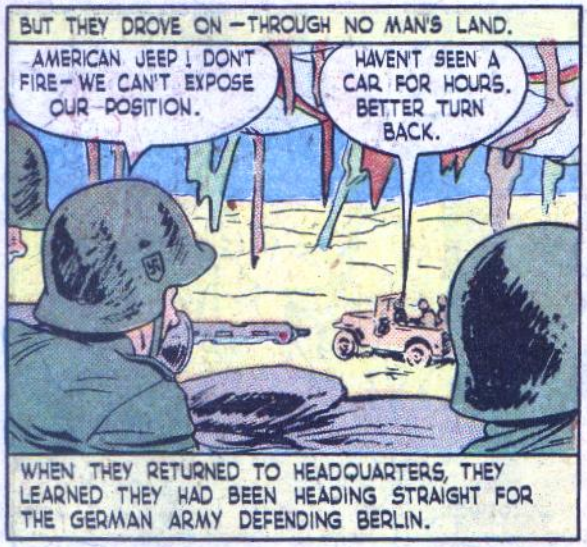
WHEN THE CONCERT WAS OVER...
MORE SPINACH!

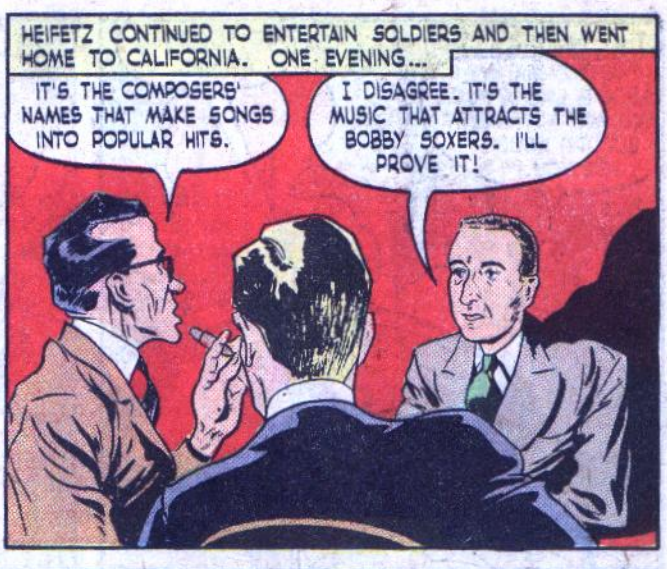

JUST BEFORE ANOTHER CONCERT, A FEW DAYS LATER...
WE'RE ONLY A THOUSAND YARDS FROM THE FRONT. BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING, MR. HEIFETZ.

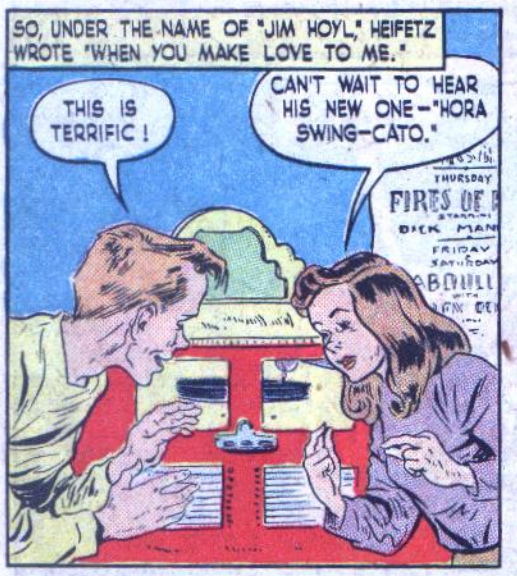

A BARRAGE!
DUCK UNDER THE TRUCK!

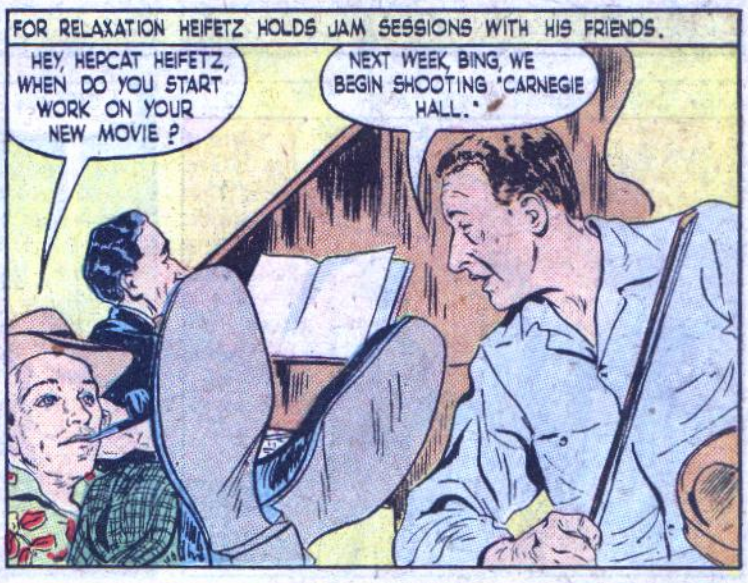
WHEN THE BARRAGE ENDED...
I'M ALL RIGHT, BUT WHY WERE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT MY VIOLIN?
WE DIDN'T WANT THAT WONDERFUL FIDDLE TO GET HIT, MR. HEIFETZ.


IN THE SPRING OF 1945, HEIFETZ WENT TO THE EUROPEAN THEATER WITH HIS ACCOMPANIST, SEYMOUR LIPKIN. TWO WEEKS BEFORE BERLIN FELL, AS THEY WERE HEADING FOR A CONCERT...
THINGS ARE TOO QUIET AROUND HERE, SEYMOUR. I THINK WE'RE LOST.









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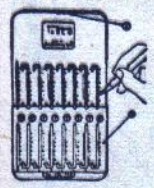

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TRUE'S NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD

The men who do the research for the movies have to answer some mighty strange questions. For instance, the director of LIFE WITH FATHER wanted to know whether there were iceboxes in New York City in the 1880's, and the director of CLOAK AND DAGGER wanted to know how much it would cost to have breakfast in a Swiss hotel. (See the pictures for the answers!)

U. S. Forces in the European Theater recently invited German teen-agers to attend a screening of YOUNG TOM EDISON, which you probably saw several years ago. There was such an enthusiastic response that USFET officials are planning movie showings in German schools. (As you know, there is a serious shortage of textbooks.) Incidentally, there are 738 theaters in the American Zone, and they are usually crowded with children who want to see American films.

SINBAD THE SAILOR, a rousing Technicolor adventure tale, is a good example of the fact that Hollywood is a real melting pot. The cast includes actors of the following nationalities: American, Indian, Afghan, Hindu, English, German, Irish, Mexican, Hungarian, Spanish, Welsh, Scotch, Arabian, Hawaiian, Samoan, Yugo-Slav, Chinese, Russian, French, Italian, and African. And all of the actors got along swell, too!

Kenny Delmar became a radio sensation overnight when he appeared as Senator Claghorn on Fred Allen's radio show. You'll see the Senator in the funny film, IT'S A JOKE, SON! Kenny used to write long letters to his fans, but now that he is a top star it takes several secretaries to handle his mail. A lot of it is from Dixie, by the way.

Ethel may not be glamorous, but she certainly is big—twenty feet wide and eighty-five tons in weight. Who is Ethel? She plays the title role in STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN as the giant escalator which runs from this world to the next. It took technicians three months to build her. She carried twenty actors and a full camera crew at speeds varying from thirty to sixty feet a minute.

Joel Chandler Harris, who wrote the Uncle Remus stories you'll be chuckling over when you see Disney's SONG OF THE SOUTH, was a fourteen-year-old printer's devil and typesetter. He started his career as a columnist by inserting one- or two-line sayings at the end of news stories. Carrot-topped Joel thought he was fooling his publisher, but instead, got more space. Soon Joel became a top columnist and then an editor.

THE RETURN OF RIN TIN TIN is our favorite movie of the month. It stars Rin Tin Tin III, who plays a very exciting role with Bobby Blake, an orphaned refugee. Rin has a sign vocabulary of at least 500 words. Among other things you'll see Rin do is pick up a pan of water and douse a hayloft fire, seize a man's wrist to make him drop a whip, and jump on the running board of a moving auto. Rin is just back from four years in the U. S. Canine Corps. Don't miss Rin in this moving and thrilling film.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER THE "RIN TIN TIN PUP" CONTEST

There is still time to win the son of Rin Tin Tin III. Think of a name for the pup, and write the reason why you chose the name in no more than twenty-five words. Send your entry before May 1st to

"RIN TIN TIN PUP" CONTEST
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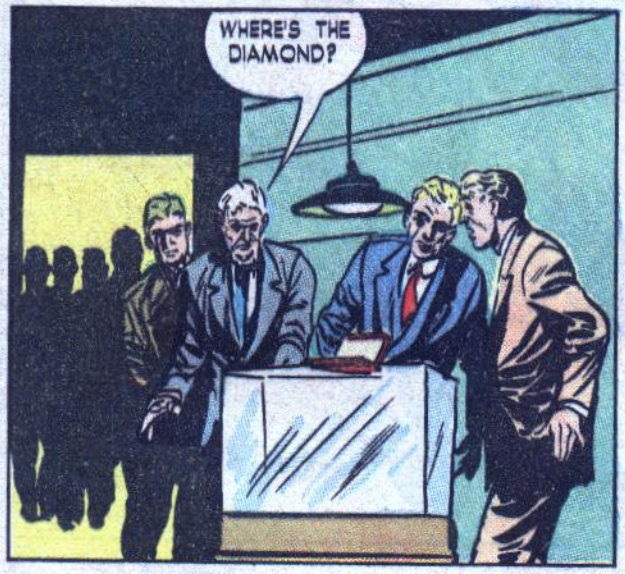
Full contest rules were in the April issue of TRUE COMICS.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

THE LOSS OF A PRECIOUS DIAMOND CALLS FOR ACTION. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF...

BY LOUIS WOLFE OF THE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

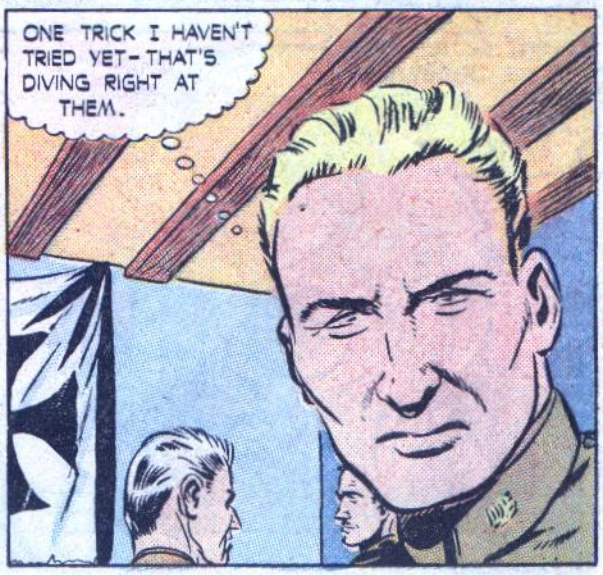
THIS FEATURE IS BASED ON EVENTS THAT **HAVE** HAPPENED, OR COULD HAPPEN.

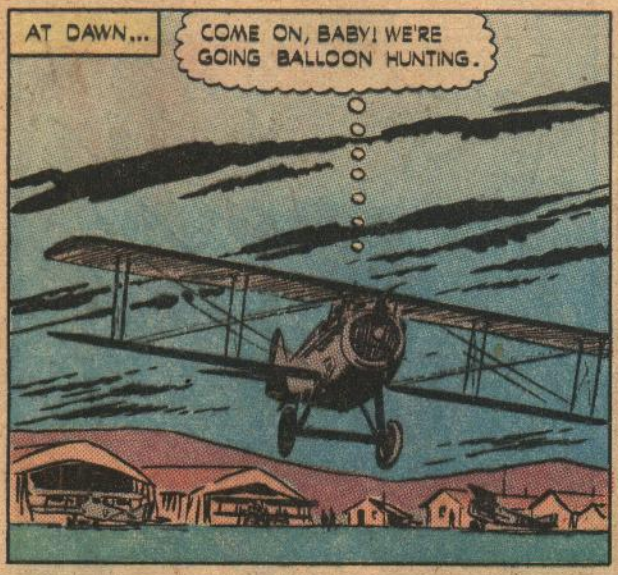


NO DOUBT THE SCREAM WAS A PRE-ARRANGED TRICK TO GET THE OTHERS TO RUN OUT AND LEAVE THE DIAMOND UNGUARDED. IF YOU WERE THE JEWELER, HOW WOULD YOU QUICKLY FIND OUT WHO STAYED BEHIND? WHAT WOULD YOU DO? ANSWER ON "TRULY COMIC" PAGE.

GUNNING FOR BALLOONS

LIEUTENANT FRANK LUKE SURPRISED THE GERMANS WITH HIS SKILL AND DARING AND, AS A RESULT, BECAME THE MOST SPECTACULAR AIRMAN OF WORLD WAR I.



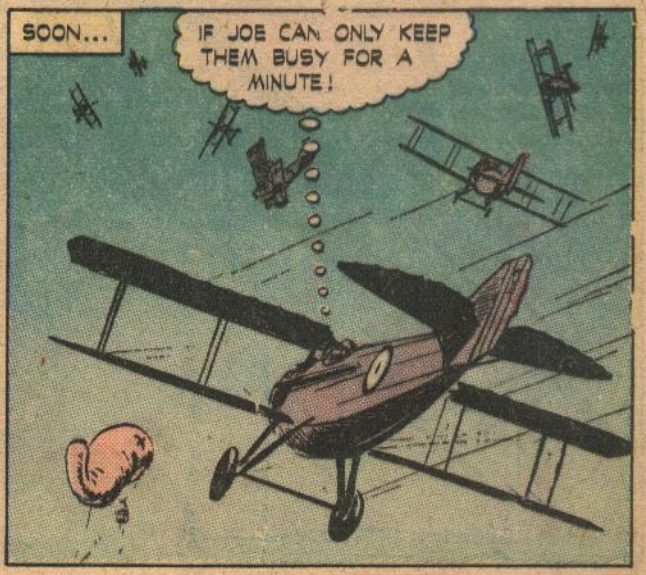

AT DAWN...
COME ON, BABY! WE'RE GOING BALLOON HUNTING.

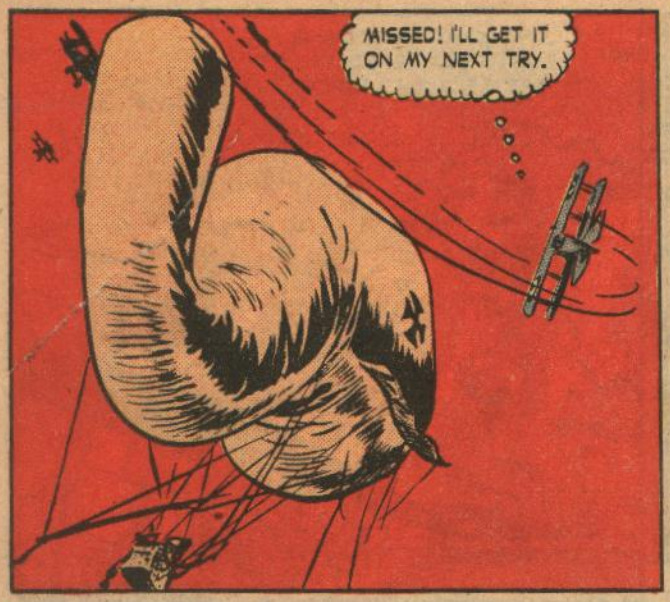
JUST WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR! BUT I'D BETTER GO BACK TO THE FIELD AND REPORT FIRST!

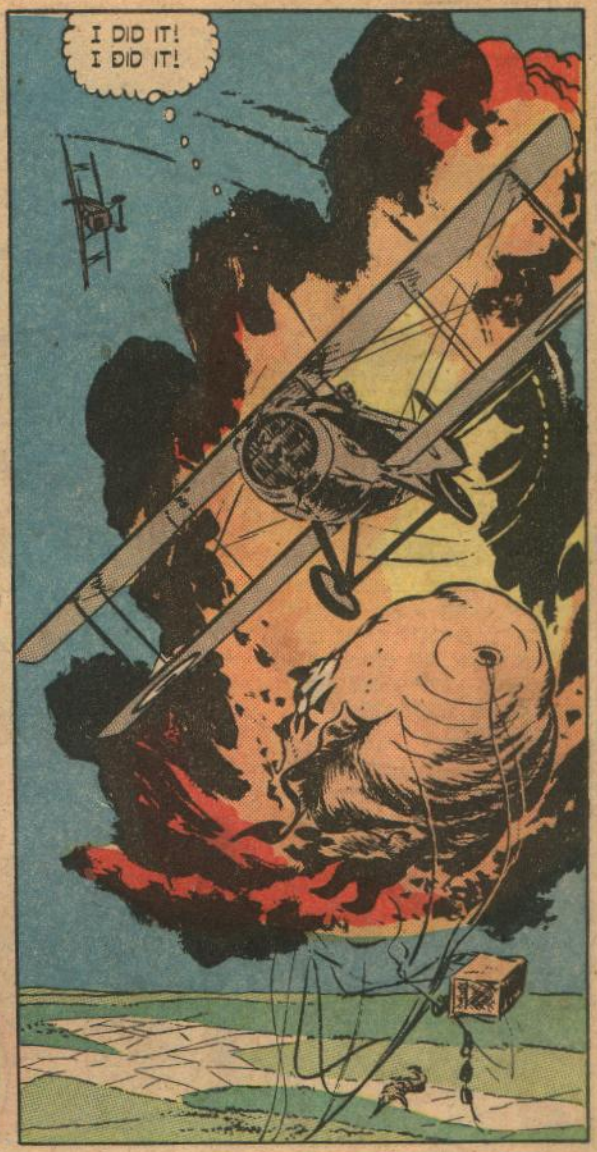
OUR PLANES HAVE ALREADY TRIED TO SHOOT THAT ONE DOWN, LUKE. NO SENSE - THE GERMANS KEEP THEIR PRECIOUS BALLOONS TOO WELL GUARDED.
I'D LIKE TO TRY IT ANYWAY, SIR.

I'LL GO WITH YOU, FRANK, AND DRAW OFF THE JERRY FIGHTERS.
GOOD IDEA, JOE!

WEHNER AND LUKE MAKE A REAL TEAM, BUT THERE ISN'T A CHANCE IN A MILLION THEY'LL OUTFLY THOSE HORDES OF GERMANS.


SOON...
IF JOE CAN ONLY KEEP THEM BUSY FOR A MINUTE!


MISSED! I'LL GET IT ON MY NEXT TRY.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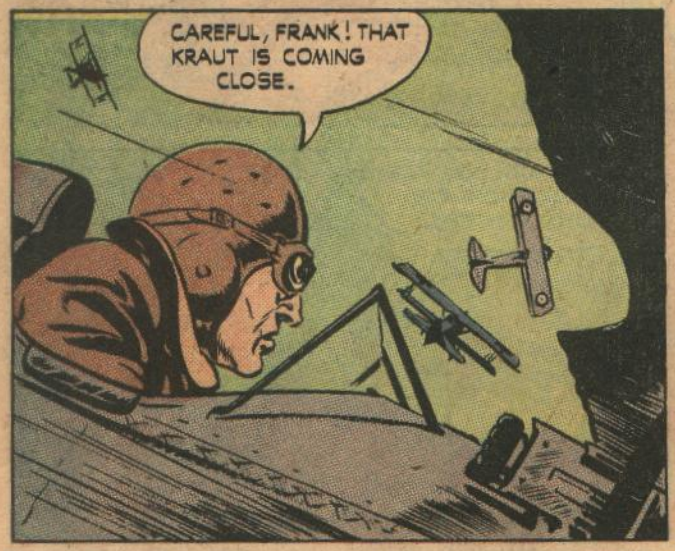
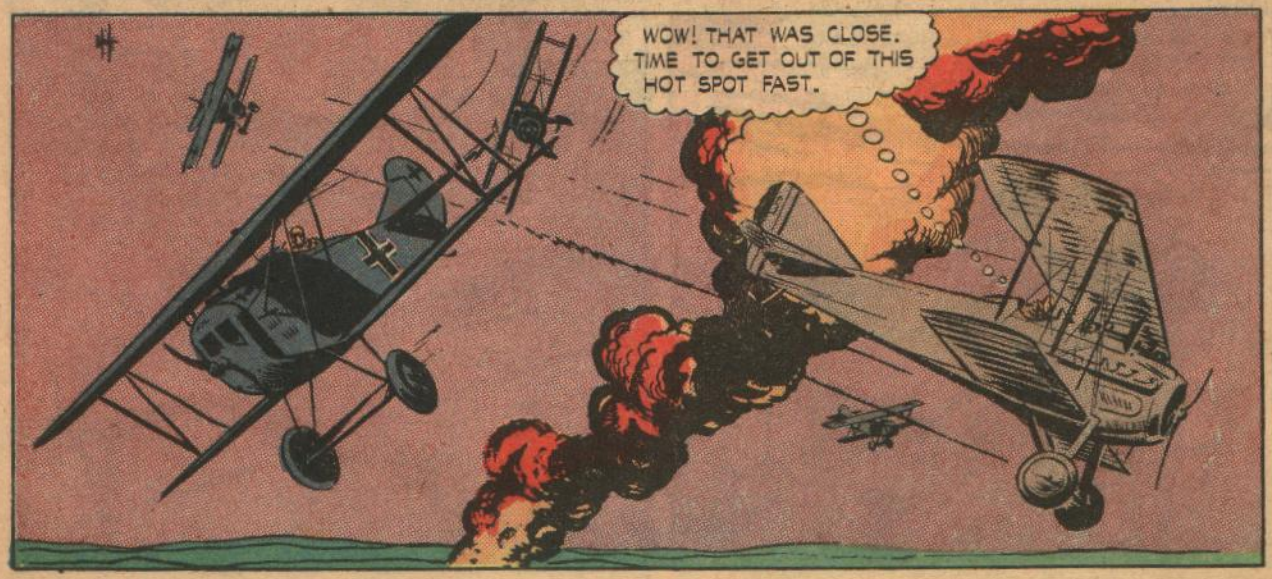
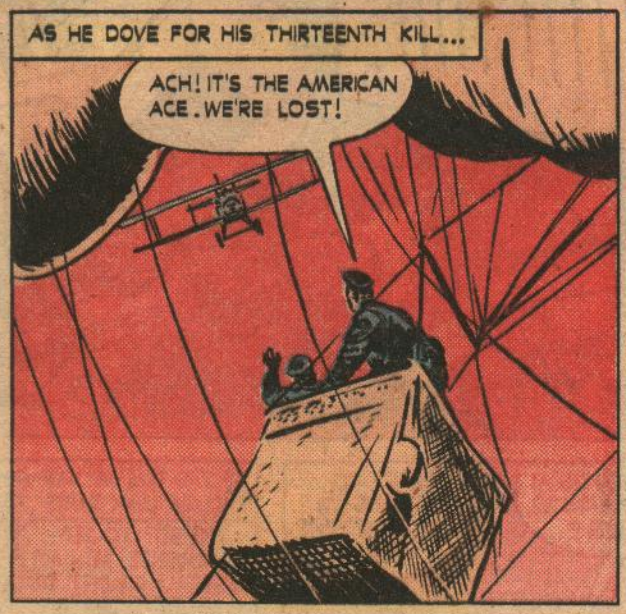
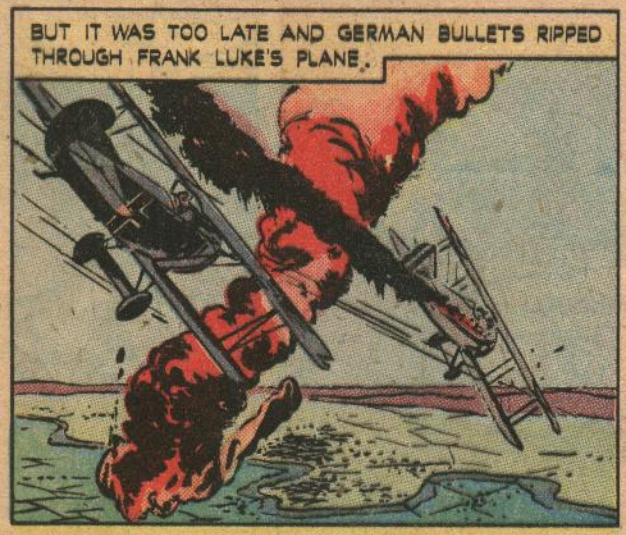

CAREFUL, FRANK! THAT KRAUT IS COMING CLOSE.


WOW! THAT WAS CLOSE. TIME TO GET OUT OF THIS HOT SPOT FAST.

YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THOSE JERRIES BUT THAT BALLOON IS DOWN FOR GOOD. JOE HELPED A LOT.
CONGRATULATIONS, LUKE!
INSPIRED WITH NEW CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE, LUKE SHOT DOWN ELEVEN MORE BALLOONS IN SIX DAYS. OVERNIGHT HE BECAME A GREAT HERO.


AS HE DOVE FOR HIS THIRTEENTH KILL...
ACH! IT'S THE AMERICAN ACE. WE'RE LOST!

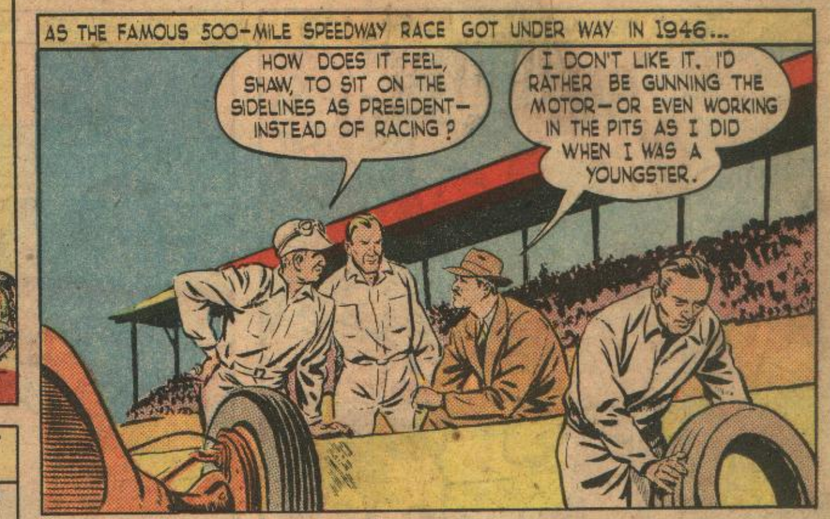
NUMBER THIRTEEN GOING DOWN... BUT WHERE DID THAT KRAUT COME FROM? GOT TO SWERVE QUICK.

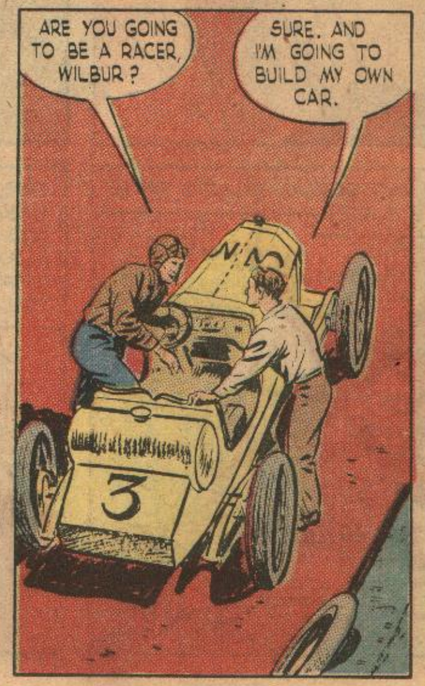

BUT IT WAS TOO LATE AND GERMAN BULLETS RIPPED THROUGH FRANK LUKE'S PLANE.

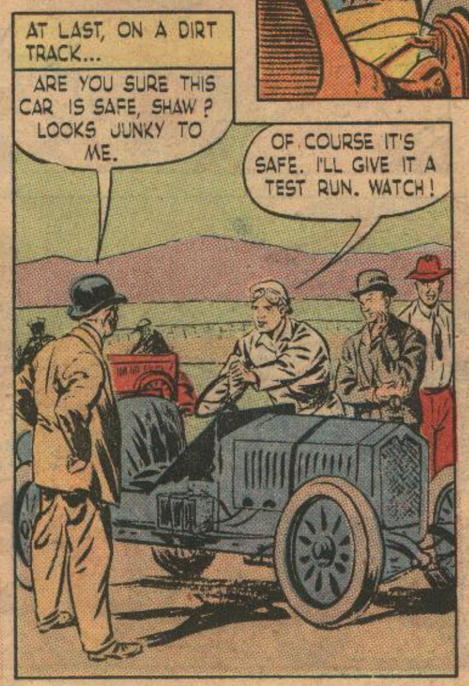
FRANK LUKE DIED THAT DAY WITHOUT KNOWING HE WAS TO BE THE ONLY AMERICAN AIRMAN OF WORLD WAR I TO WIN THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. AT AN ARIZONA AIRFIELD NAMED AFTER HIM, HUNDREDS OF PILOTS HAVE LEARNED TO CARRY ON HIS GREAT TRADITION OF SKILL AND FEARLESSNESS.
LUKE FIELD

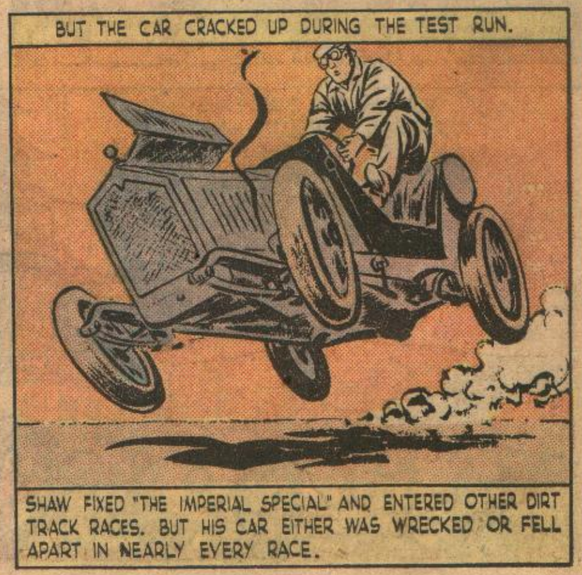
SPEEDWAY SPEED DEMON

SPILLS AND CRASHES COULDN'T TEAR A DREAM FROM **WILBUR SHAW**, THE PLUCKY AUTO RACER, WHO BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY.

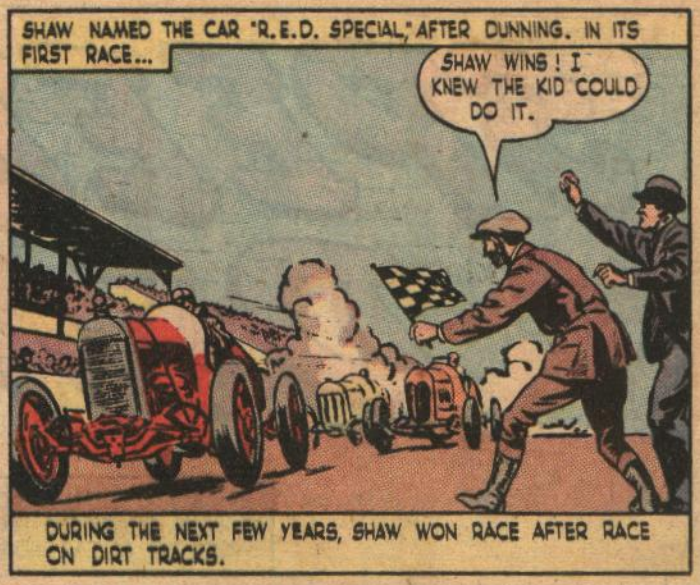




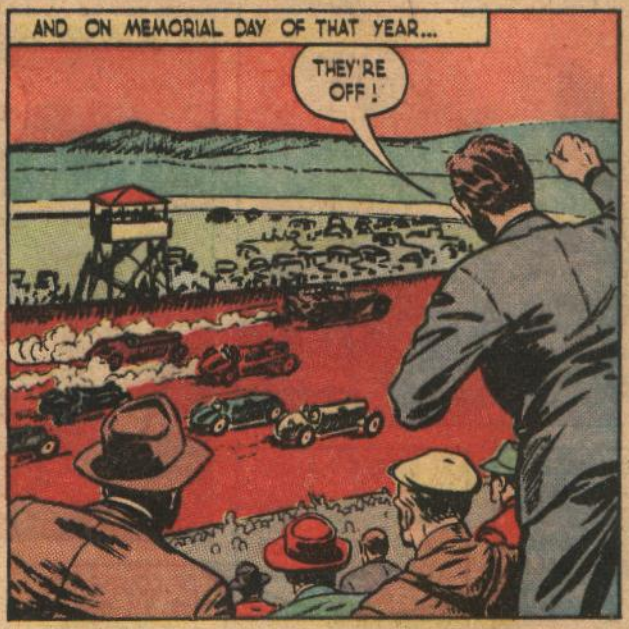


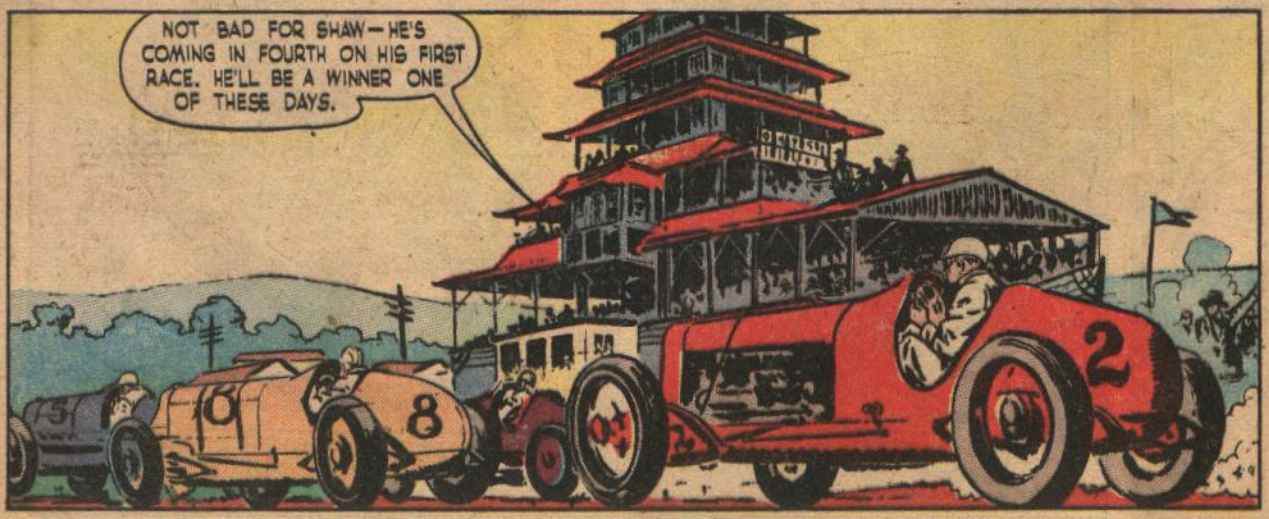


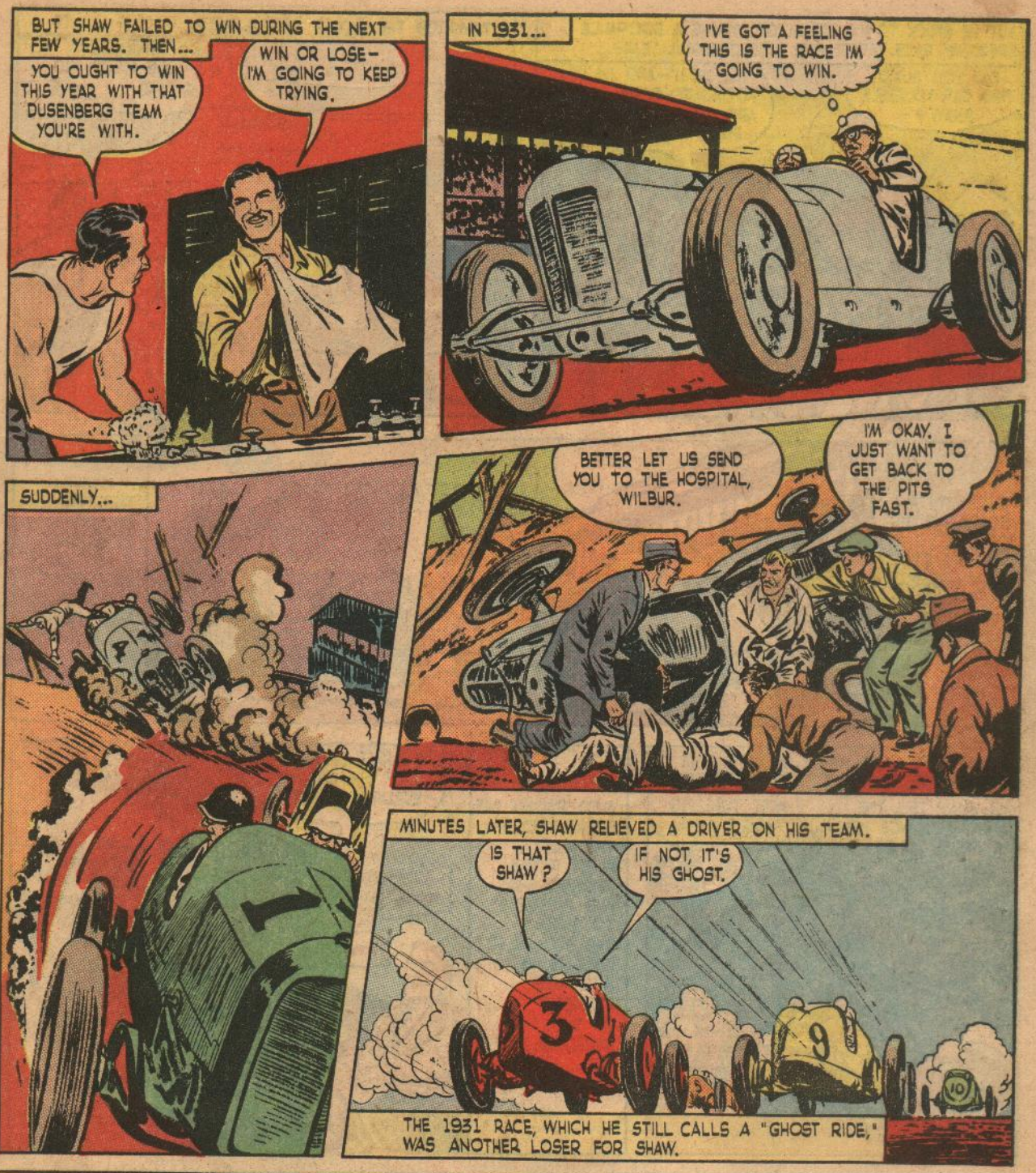
SHAW JUNKED "THE IMPERIAL SPECIAL." ONE DAY IN 1921, WHILE WITH ROSCOE E. DUNNING, A RACE STARTER...
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF A RED RACING CAR LIKE THAT.
SHAW, I'M GOING TO FURNISH THE PARTS AND MONEY SO YOU CAN BUILD YOUR DREAM CAR.


SHAW NAMED THE CAR "R.E.D. SPECIAL," AFTER DUNNING. IN ITS FIRST RACE...
SHAW WINS! I KNEW THE KID COULD DO IT.
DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, SHAW WON RACE AFTER RACE ON DIRT TRACKS.

THEN, IN 1927, IN INDIANAPOLIS...
SO YOU'RE GOING TO RACE WITH THE BIG BOYS IN THE FIVE-HUNDRED MILER.
THAT'S RIGHT—FIRST SPEEDWAY RACE.


AND ON MEMORIAL DAY OF THAT YEAR...
THEY'RE OFF!


NOT BAD FOR SHAW—HE'S COMING IN FOURTH ON HIS FIRST RACE. HE'LL BE A WINNER ONE OF THESE DAYS.



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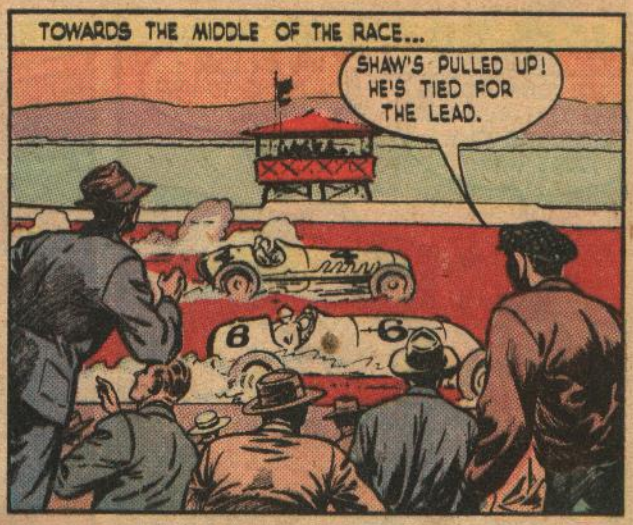

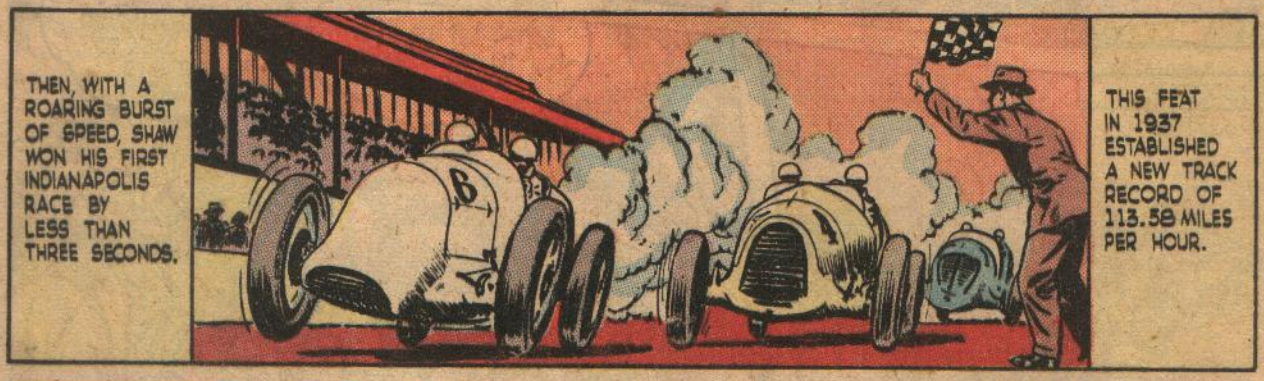

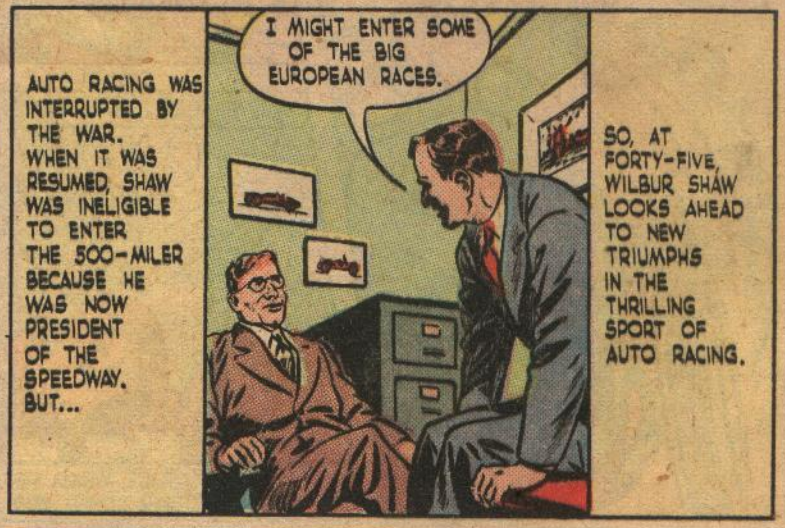

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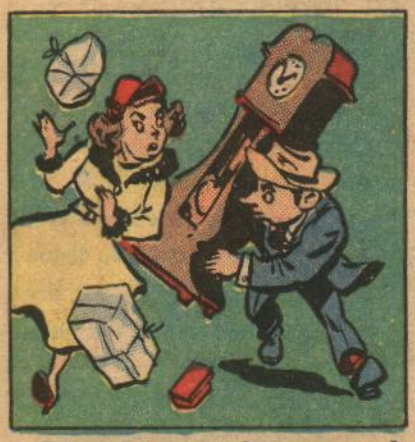

A jeweler was taking a grandfather clock to his shop for repairs. On his way in a crowded street, he bumped into a lady and accidentally knocked several bundles from her arms. "Why can't you be like other people," bellowed the infuriated lady, "and just wear a wrist watch?"

Norma Dudley, Riverbend Street School, Athol, Mass.

Dudd: So you're a magician. Tell me, what can you do?

Big-head: For one thing, I can turn water into a bathtub.

Pat Whelan, Queen Alexandra School, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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Bulging gentleman (to a little boy sitting behind him in the theater): Can you see the stage, little fellow?

Boy: No, sir, I can't.

Gent: Well, then, just keep your eye on me and laugh when I do.

Thomas Bremmam, Resurrection School, Rye, N. Y.

Aunt Matilda was wrapping a birthday gift for her nephew. "What did you give him last year?" asked Uncle Barney.

"A check," replied the aunt, "and he said he couldn't find words to thank me."

"What's that you're giving him now?"

"A dictionary!"

Elaine Cook, Flesherton Public School, Flesherton, Ontario, Canada

Epicure: I've just found a way to improve the taste of salt.

Puzzled: How can you do that?

Ep.: Easy! I just sprinkle it over a juicy piece of steak.

Thomas Hockathorn, Sand Creek School, Sand Creek, Mich.

Butch: Can you keep a secret?

Gabby: Sure, but it's my luck to tell it to someone who can't.

James Bax, Twenty-second Street School, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

VOTE FOR YOUR HERO OF THE YEAR!

The names listed below were selected by the Editors of this magazine to help you choose the person you think best qualified for the title HERO OF THE YEAR! These are names most often in the news, but the greatest heroes do not always make the biggest headlines. So, if you have someone else you think deserves the title HERO OF THE YEAR, write his or her name in the space left blank for that purpose below.

A new, specially written and drawn story of the HERO OF THE YEAR, elected by our readers, will appear soon in this magazine. It will feature a full-page portrait, in full color, of the HERO OF THE YEAR—maybe the Hero you vote for.

1. Clement Atlee
2. Richard E. Byrd
3. Dwight D. Eisenhower
4. Albert Einstein
5. J. Edgar Hoover
6. Trygve Lie
7. Joe Louis
8. Douglas MacArthur
9. George C. Marshall
10. Vyacheslav M. Molotov
11. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
12. Harry S. Truman

OR WRITE IN YOUR OWN CHOICE _____

This is your magazine, and we'd like to know how well we have satisfied you. Perhaps we can please you even better if you tell us how well we've done so far and answer these few questions. You'll be helping yourself, too, because then we'll be able to give you just the kind of stories you want in future issues.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE FEATURES IN THIS MAGAZINE? (Double check XX the three (3) you like best of all.)

MY FAVORITES ARE STORIES ABOUT:

Adventure and Exploration	Geography	Science and Invention	World War II
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And . . . (turn the page) . . . be sure to answer both sides.

TRULY COMIC!

Mother: Before you leave the table, son, be sure to wipe off your mouth.

Son: But, Mom, I couldn't do that! It's the only one I have.

Donald McClary, A. D. Stowell School, Hannibal, Mo.

Squire: What kind of car did your son buy?

Square: I'm not quite sure of the brand, but I think he said it was a "WOW."

Robert Bethel, Hawthorne School, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Weary: I'm positively worn out. It took me three hours to iron this dress.

Dearie: That's funny, it never takes me more than a half-hour to press any of mine.

Weary: Maybe that's because you take yours off first—but I just didn't have time to do that.

Dorothy Bowden, Tekamah Public School, Tekamah, Neb.

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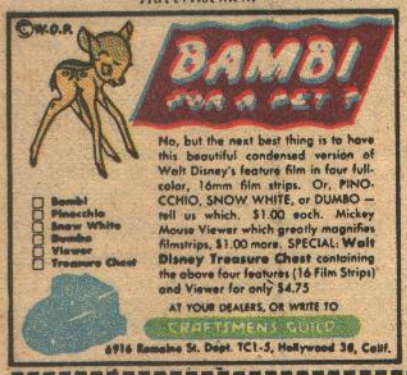

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BUTCH the BUM

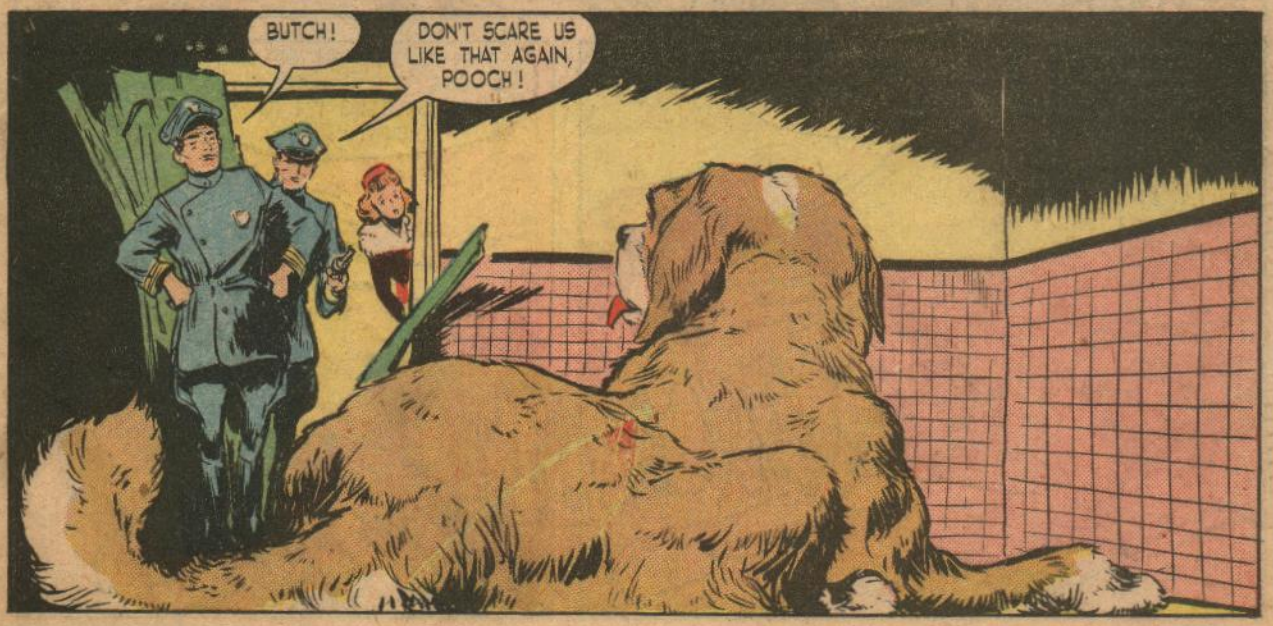
THE UNOFFICIAL MAYOR OF GLEN CLOVE, NEW YORK, IS A BUM CALLED BUTCH, WHO LIKES HIS STEAKS RAW AND HIS BED IN A MOVIE THEATER.

OFTEN, AFTER HIS FREE MEAL...

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT WAS YOU, BUTCH. KEEP QUIET NOW.
BUTCH USUALLY TAKES A NAP IN THE MOVIE HOUSE.

ONE DAY...
POLICE STATION ? THERE ARE STRANGE NOISES IN THE RAILROAD WASHROOM— HEAVY FOOTSTEPS AND THUDS.
WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER.

YOU'RE SURROUNDED. COME OUT, OR WE'LL SHOOT!
NO ANSWER— LET'S BREAK IN !


BUTCH!
DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT AGAIN, POOCH !

SOMETIMES BUTCH GETS BORED AND TAKES A FREE RIDE.
THIS TRAIN GOES TO OYSTER BAY. HOW'S HE GETTING BACK?
BUTCH HAS BRAINS. HE'LL TAKE THE NEXT TRAIN BACK.

CHILDREN LOVE BUTCH.
I'M NEXT!
WHAT WILL BUTCH DO? YOU KNOW, MISS MILLER IS MOVING AWAY. THEY'RE MEETING ABOUT THAT AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TODAY.
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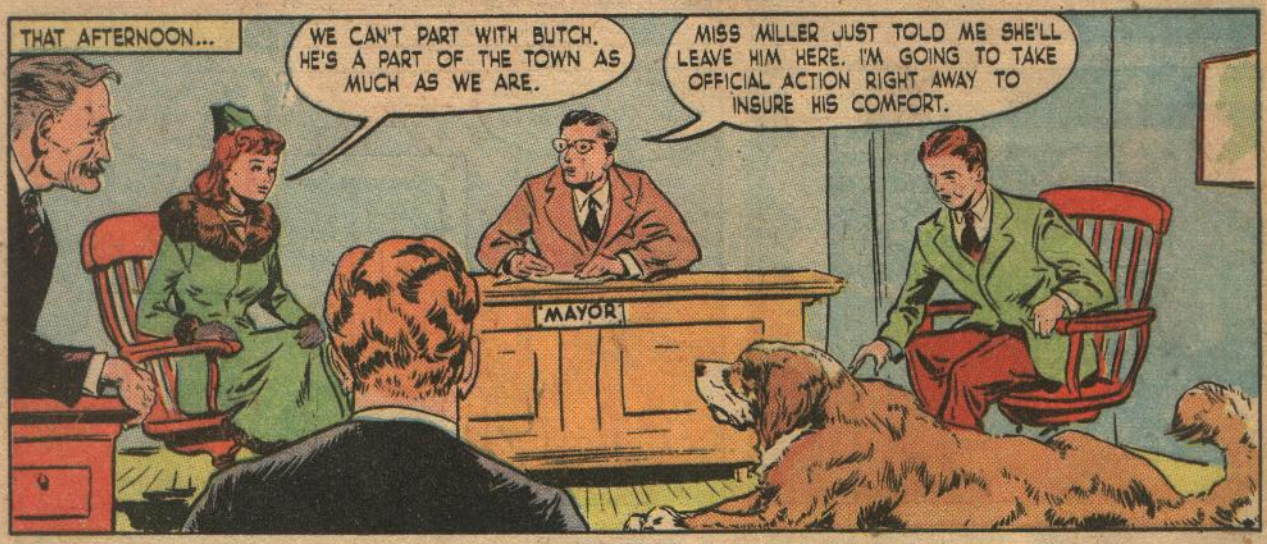
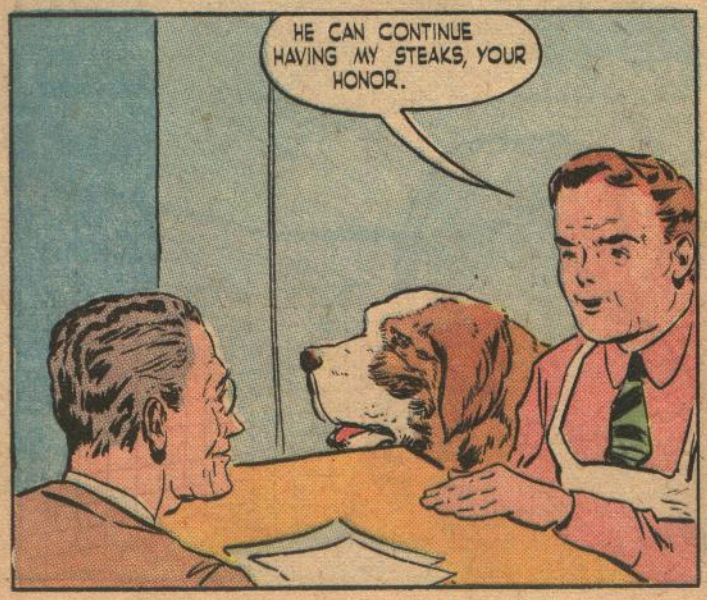
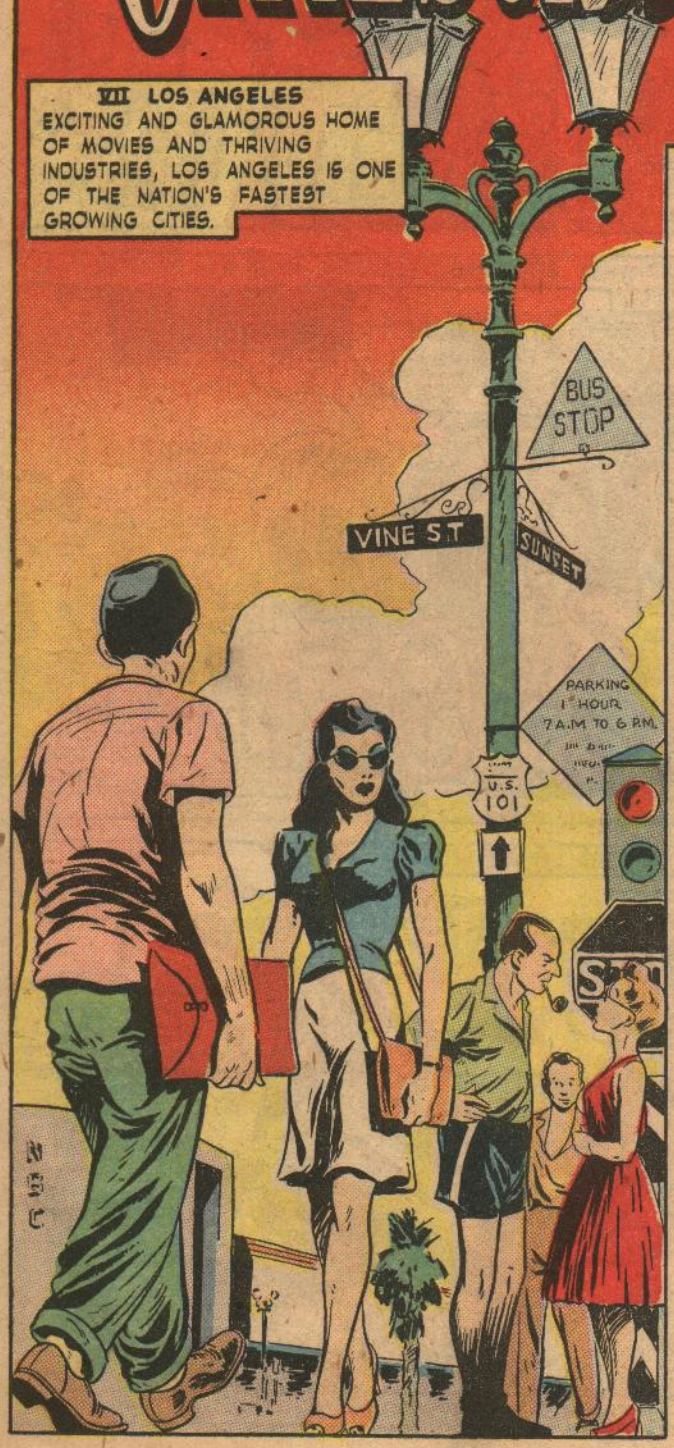

THAT AFTERNOON...
WE CAN'T PART WITH BUTCH. HE'S A PART OF THE TOWN AS MUCH AS WE ARE.
MISS MILLER JUST TOLD ME SHE'LL LEAVE HIM HERE. I'M GOING TO TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION RIGHT AWAY TO INSURE HIS COMFORT.
MAYOR


HE CAN CONTINUE HAVING MY STEAKS, YOUR HONOR.

THEN I'LL SEE THAT HE GETS A HOME. BUT HE'LL PROBABLY KEEP ON BEING THE TOWN BUM.

CITIES of Destiny

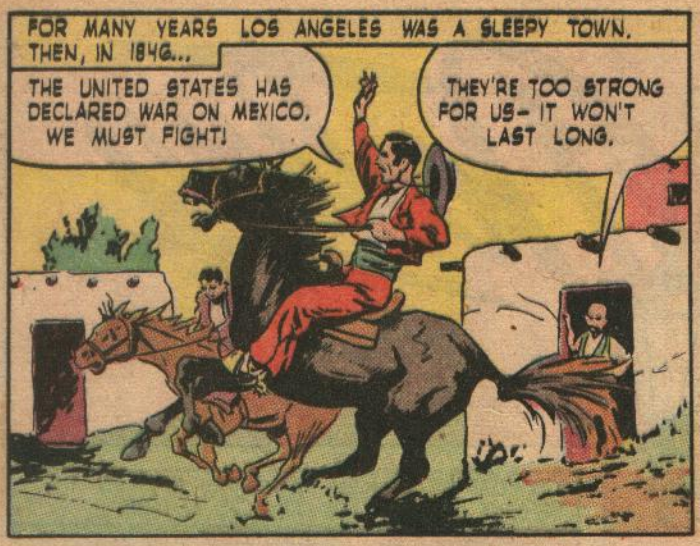
VII LOS ANGELES
EXCITING AND GLAMOROUS HOME OF MOVIES AND THRIVING INDUSTRIES, LOS ANGELES IS ONE OF THE NATION'S FASTEST GROWING CITIES.



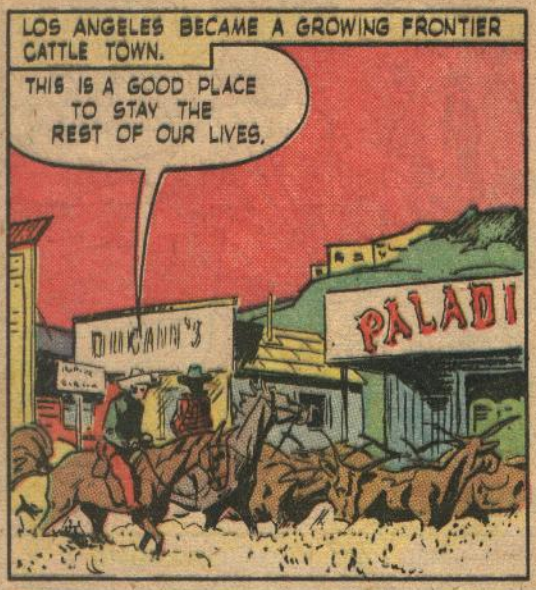
A PARTY OF SPANISH EXPLORERS SETTLED THE PRESENT SITE OF LOS ANGELES IN 1769.

TWELVE YEARS LATER IT WAS CHANGED TO A LONG SPANISH NAME WHICH INCLUDED...

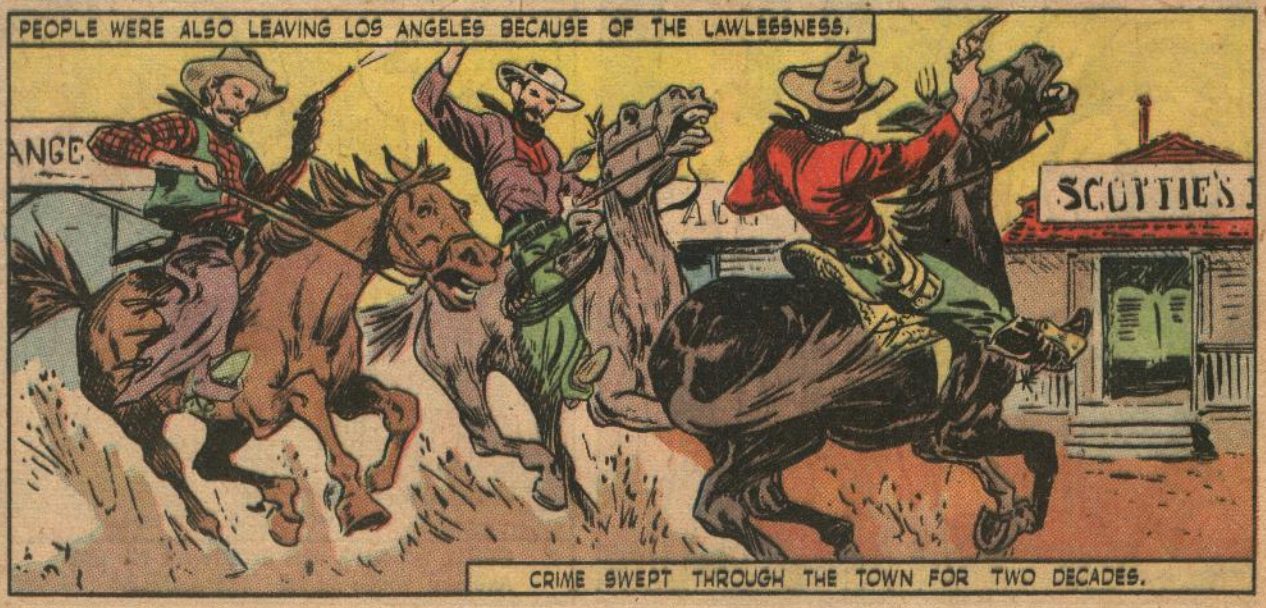
FINALLY, THE NAME WAS SHORTENED TO "LOS ANGELES" WHICH MEANS "THE ANGELS."


FOR MANY YEARS LOS ANGELES WAS A SLEEPY TOWN.
THEN, IN 1846...
THE UNITED STATES HAS DECLARED WAR ON MEXICO. WE MUST FIGHT!
THEY'RE TOO STRONG FOR US- IT WON'T LAST LONG.

THE UNITED STATES WON THE BRIEF CONFLICT.
MANY AMERICANS WILL NOW SETTLE HERE.


LOS ANGELES BECAME A GROWING FRONTIER CATTLE TOWN.
THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO STAY THE REST OF OUR LIVES.
PALADI

BUT WHEN GOLD WAS DISCOVERED NEAR SAN FRANCISCO IN 1849...
SEEMS AS IF EVERYBODY'S LEAVING LOS ANGELES FOR 'FRISCO.


PEOPLE WERE ALSO LEAVING LOS ANGELES BECAUSE OF THE LAWLESSNESS.
SCOTTIE'S
CRIME SWEPT THROUGH THE TOWN FOR TWO DECADES.

AS CRIME SUBSIDED, PIONEERS WENT WEST, AND THE LOS ANGELES WEATHER WAS WHAT PEOPLE WROTE BACK ABOUT.

IT'S FROM SON JOHN — HE'S IN LOS ANGELES — SAYS OUR CROPS COULD GROW ALL YEAR ROUND THERE.

SNEEZING AGAIN, MAMA? YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT WHEN WE GET TO LOS ANGELES WHERE IT'S SUNNY AND WARM.

SUNNY WEATHER LURED EASTERNERS. TRAVEL BECAME EASIER WHEN THE SANTA FE AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROADS OPENED, BUT RATES WERE HIGH.

I WOULD LIKE TO GO OUT TO LOS ANGELES, BUT IT COSTS TOO MUCH.

WAIT AWHILE — THE RATES ARE COMING DOWN.

THE TWO RAILROADS COMPETED IN A FANTASTIC RATE WAR UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1886 WHEN...

FOR TODAY ONLY KANSAS CITY TO LOS ANGELES ONE SILVER DOLLAR

TRAVEL BY SANTA FE

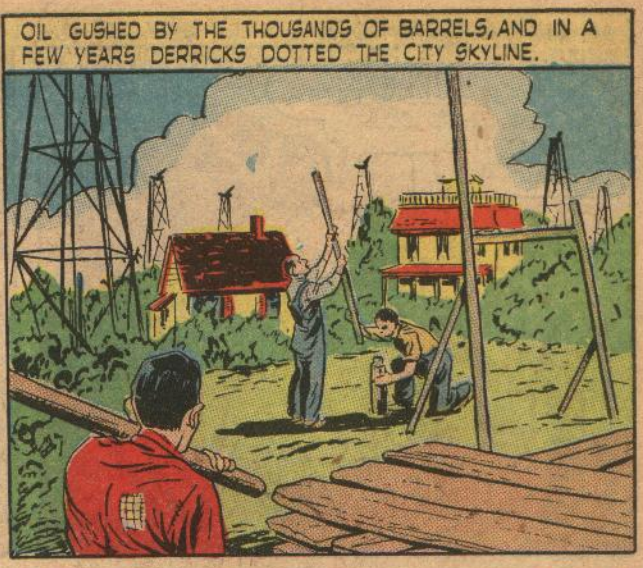
HAVE TICKETS READY.

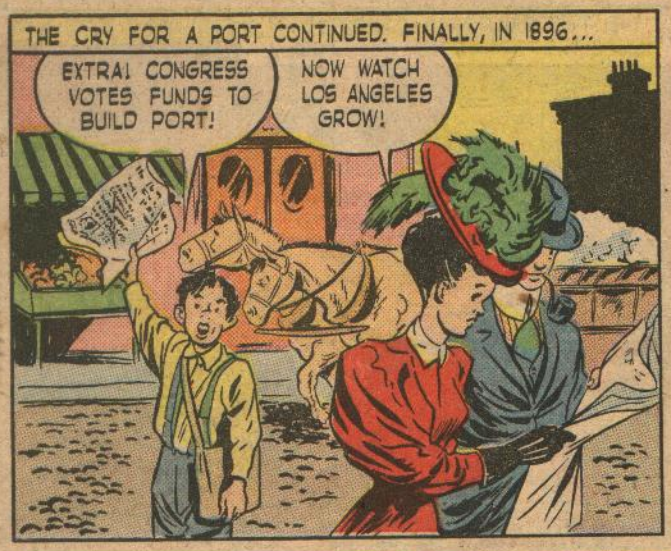
MEANWHILE, IN LOS ANGELES...

THIS TOWN IS GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

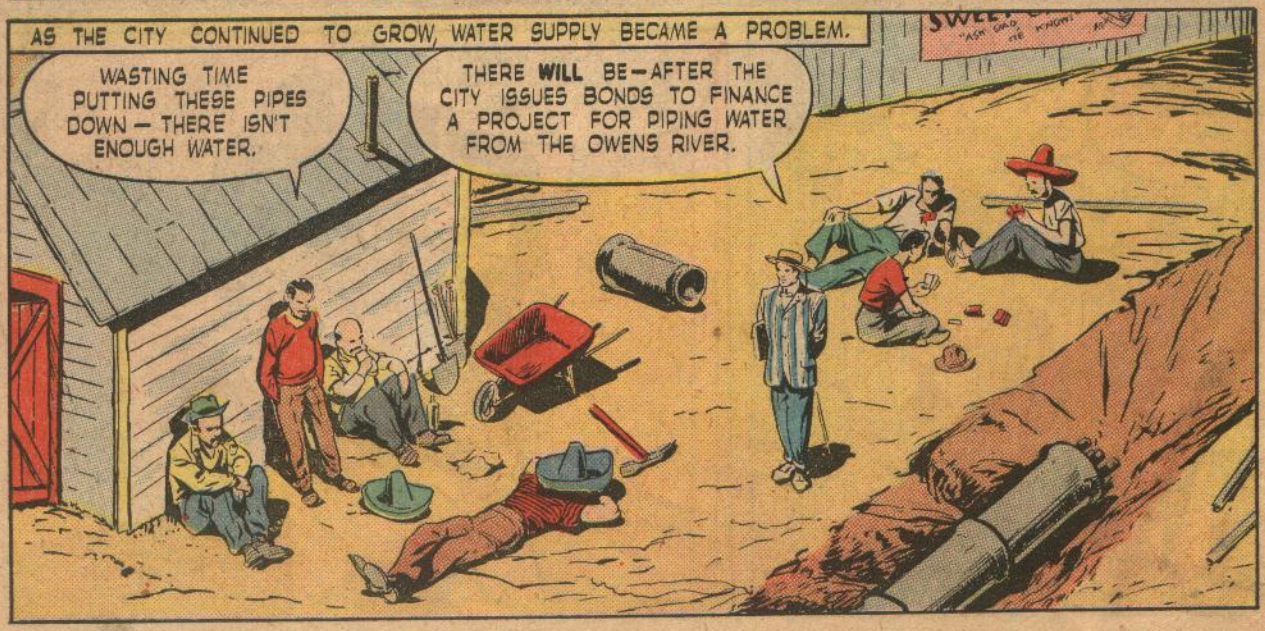
YES, BUT IT'LL NEVER BE A BIG CITY UNLESS...

...WE BUILD A PORT. WE'RE TOO ISOLATED HERE TO BUILD UP TRADE.

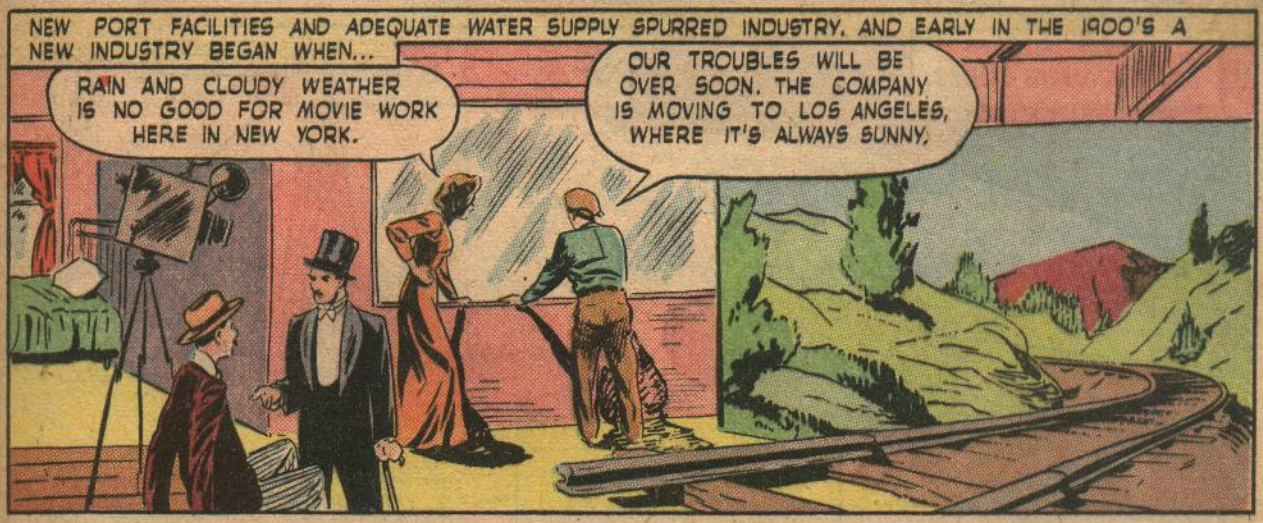




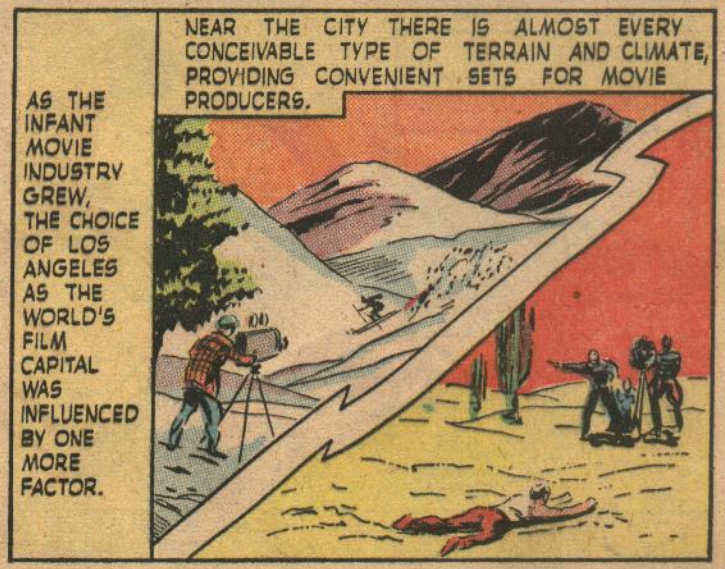
EVENTUALLY, MORE THAN SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK GAVE LOS ANGELES THE GIGANTIC MAN-MADE PORTS OF SAN PEDRO AND WILMINGTON.

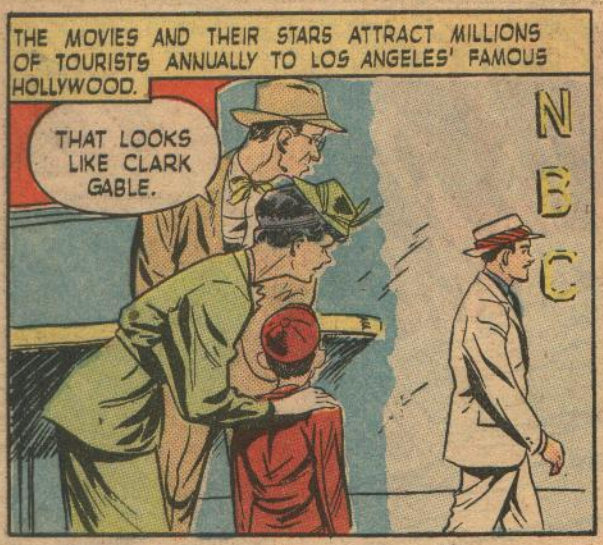


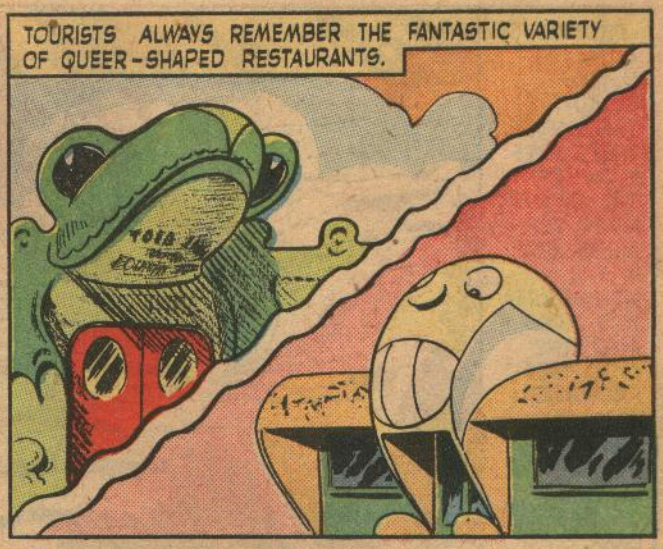
LOS ANGELES CITIZENS QUICKLY BOUGHT THE BONDS. THE ENTIRE FLOW OF THE OWENS RIVER, 238 MILES AWAY IN THE HIGH SIERRAS, WAS PIPED INTO THE CITY, THUS PROVIDING ALMOST 300,000 EXTRA GALLONS OF WATER DAILY.


NEW PORT FACILITIES AND ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY SPURRED INDUSTRY, AND EARLY IN THE 1900'S A NEW INDUSTRY BEGAN WHEN...
RAIN AND CLOUDY WEATHER IS NO GOOD FOR MOVIE WORK HERE IN NEW YORK.
OUR TROUBLES WILL BE OVER SOON. THE COMPANY IS MOVING TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY.

A SHORT TIME LATER...
LOOK AT THAT BLUE SKY.
I WAS TOLD ON THE TRAIN THIS TOWN HAS THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DAYS A YEAR LIKE TODAY.


AS THE INFANT MOVIE INDUSTRY GREW, THE CHOICE OF LOS ANGELES AS THE WORLD'S FILM CAPITAL WAS INFLUENCED BY ONE MORE FACTOR.
NEAR THE CITY THERE IS ALMOST EVERY CONCEIVABLE TYPE OF TERRAIN AND CLIMATE, PROVIDING CONVENIENT SETS FOR MOVIE PRODUCERS.





TODAY, WITH MORE THAN 1,850,000 INHABITANTS IN 451 SQUARE MILES, LOS ANGELES IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST MUNICIPALITY. IN ADDITION TO ITS TOURIST TRADE, OIL-PROCESSING AND FILM-MAKING, LOS ANGELES IS...

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LOAFER'S REWARD

ABOUT 1870, VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA, WAS A SMALL MINING CAMP. ONE OF THE MINERS, "BUMMER" DAN McFADDEN, LIKED TO TAKE LIFE EASY—AND IT PAID OFF!

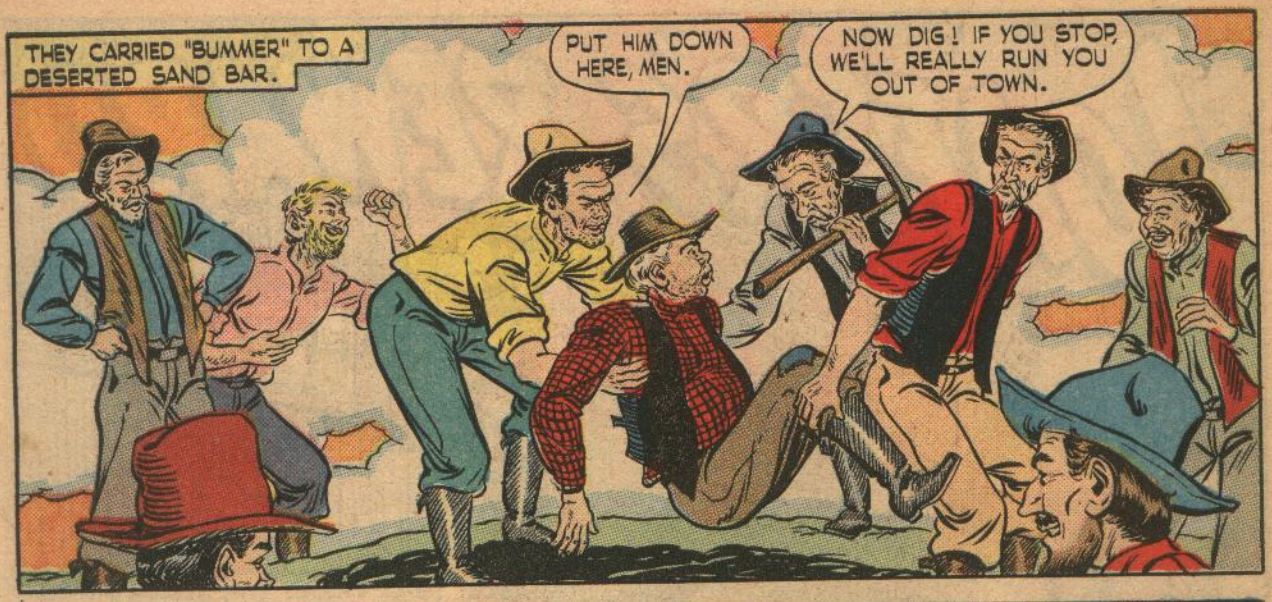
OH, THIS PIE—IT'S TERRIFIC!

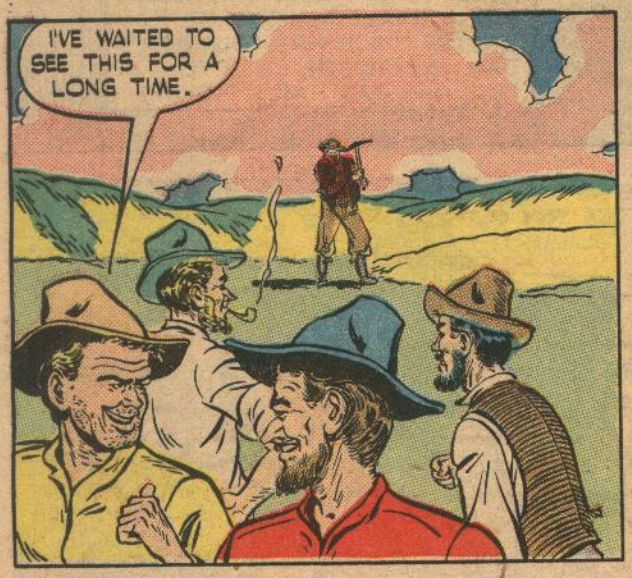
STEALING MY PIE, EH? I'LL RUN YOU OUT OF TOWN, "BUMMER"!

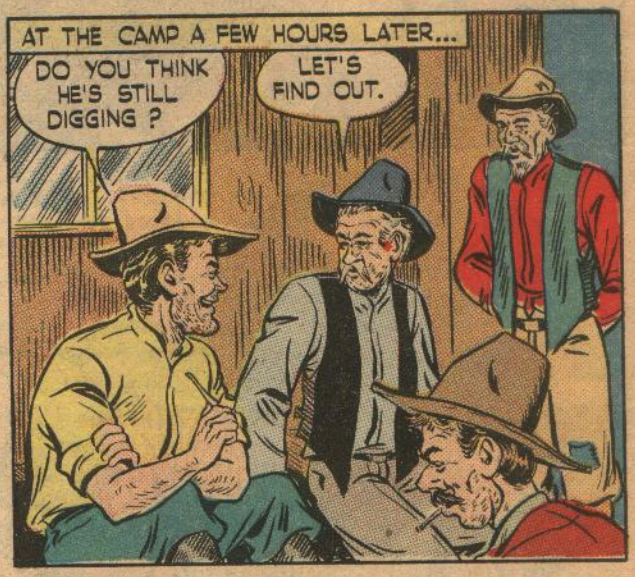
HE'S HARMLESS. LET'S JUST PUNISH HIM.

HOW ABOUT GIVING HIM WORK? THAT'S THE WORST PUNISHMENT IN THE WORLD FOR HIM.

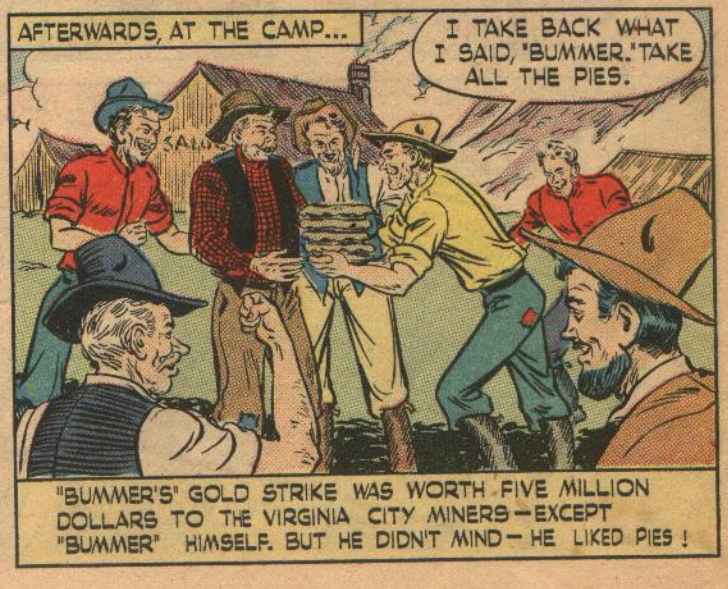
GOOD IDEA! I'LL EVEN LEND HIM MY PICKAX.

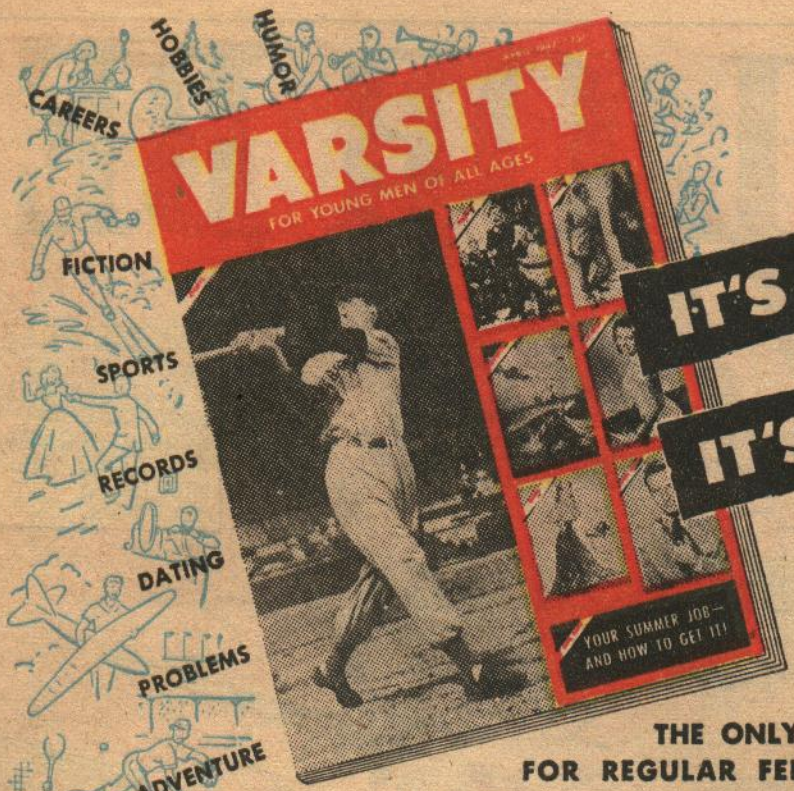

THEY CARRIED "BUMMER" TO A DESERTED SAND BAR.
PUT HIM DOWN HERE, MEN.
NOW DIG! IF YOU STOP, WE'LL REALLY RUN YOU OUT OF TOWN.


I'VE WAITED TO SEE THIS FOR A LONG TIME.


AT THE CAMP A FEW HOURS LATER...
DO YOU THINK HE'S STILL DIGGING ?
LET'S FIND OUT.

THAT LAZY PIE-EATER IS HALF-ASLEEP. BUT WHAT'S THIS ?
GOLD! LET'S CLAIM THE LAND !


AFTERWARDS, AT THE CAMP...
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID, "BUMMER." TAKE ALL THE PIES.
"BUMMER'S" GOLD STRIKE WAS WORTH FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE VIRGINIA CITY MINERS—EXCEPT "BUMMER" HIMSELF. BUT HE DIDN'T MIND—HE LIKED PIES !



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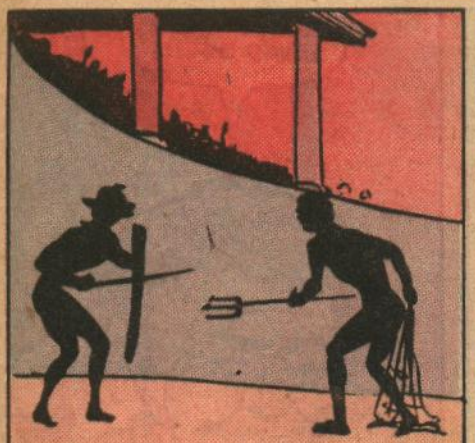
DURING RICHARD'S TRAINING HE WAS FORCED TO LEARN THE TACTICS OF A GLADIATOR.
HERE- YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO TAKE TORTURE.
RICHARD IS CLEVER. LET'S GIVE HIM A WOODEN SWORD AND PUT HIM AGAINST A NETMAN.
I HATE TO THINK THAT I HAVE TO DO THIS SOON TO SAVE MYSELF.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT I'VE GOT TO DEFEND MYSELF TOO, RICHARD.
WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT.
YOU'LL DIE TRYING TO ESCAPE. WIN IN THE ARENA TOMORROW AND YOU'LL BE FREE.
SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER HIS TRAINING PERIOD...
THEY FATTEN US LIKE PIGS FOR MARKET DAY.
BETTER GET SOME REST AND STOP COMPLAINING.

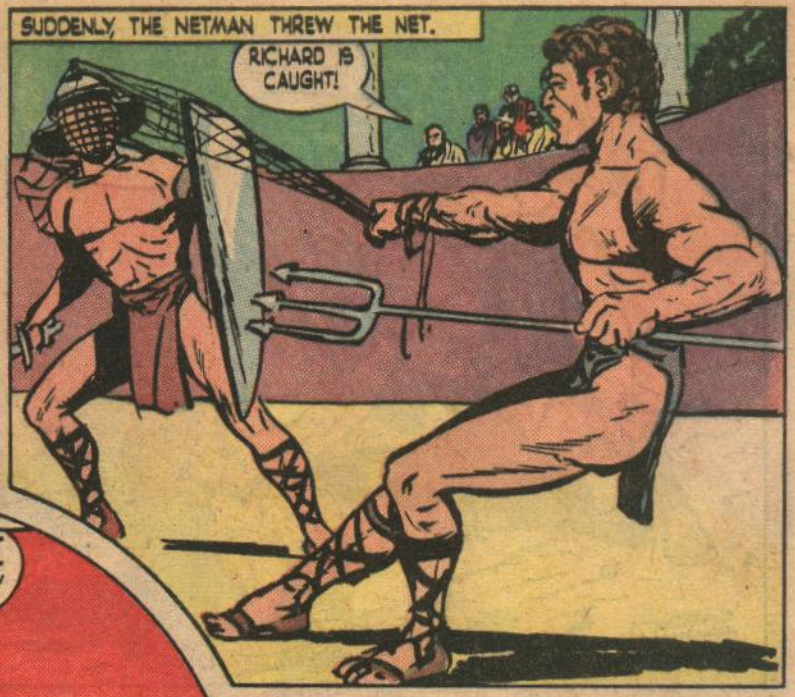
THE FOLLOWING DAY THE CROWD WAITED TO SEE THE BLOODY STRUGGLES. AT THE ARENA GATE...
PAIRS OF GLADIATORS AND THEIR UNDERSTUDIES (TO REPLACE THE DEAD) FIGHTING TODAY.
MARCH, AND PREPARE FOR BATTLE!
THIS IS THE DAY I HAVE DREADED.

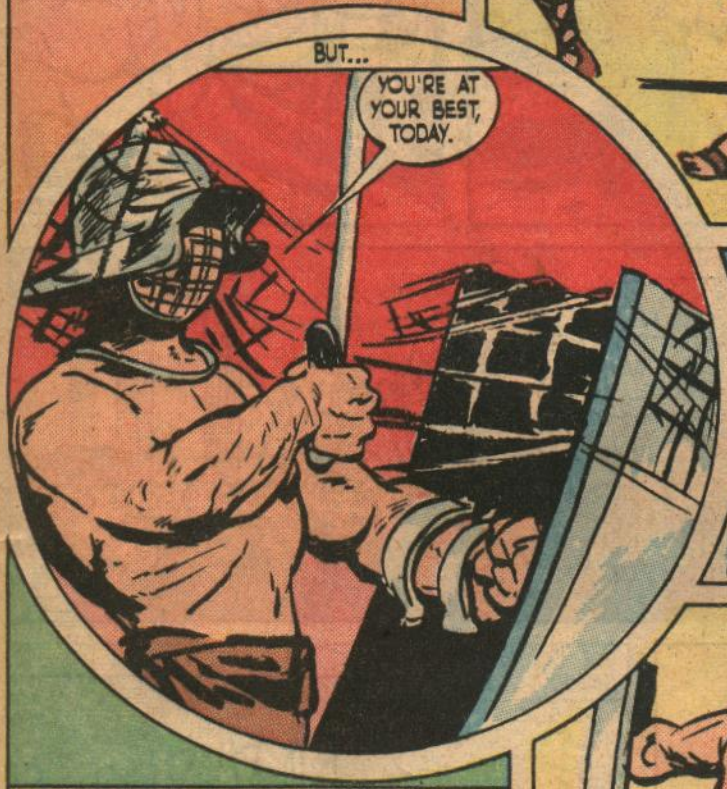
THE GLADIATORS' WEAPONS WERE GIVEN TO THE EMPEROR AND JUDGES FOR EXAMINATION.
FREEDOM TO THE MAN WHO KILLS RICHARD! HIS TRAINER SAYS HE IS GOOD.

DURING THE EXAMINATION THE GLADIATORS HAD MOCK FIGHTS WITH FAKE WEAPONS.
TOO BAD BOTH OF US CANNOT LIVE AFTER THE REAL FIGHT.

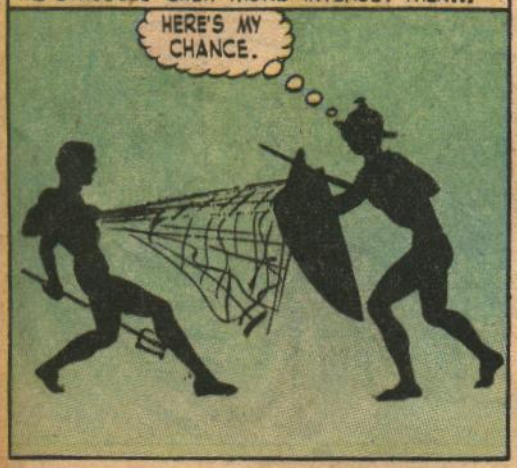
THE REAL WEAPONS WERE RETURNED AND...
BEGIN!

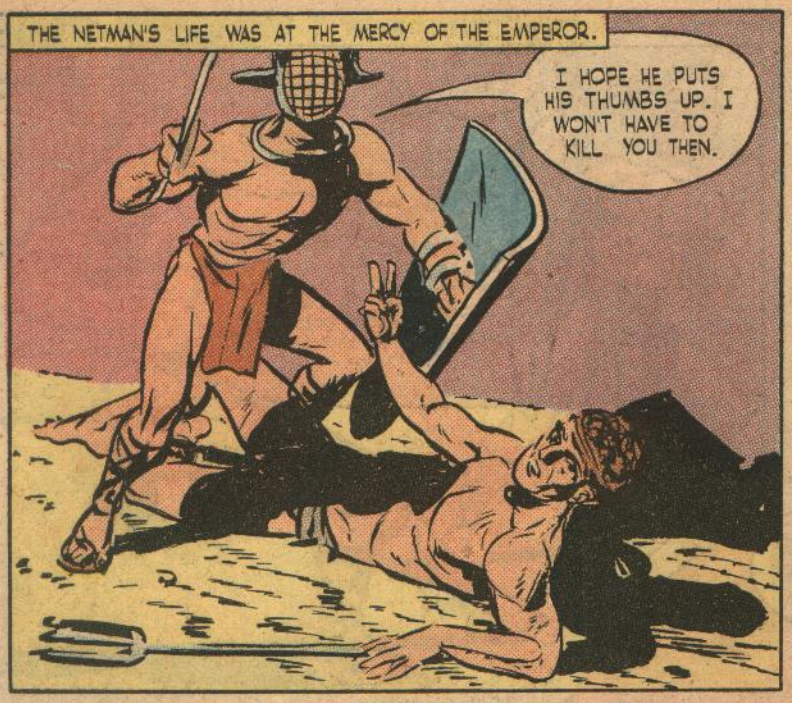



SUDDENLY, THE NETMAN THREW THE NET.
RICHARD IS CAUGHT!


BUT...
YOU'RE AT YOUR BEST, TODAY.

THE NETMAN IS GOOD. RICHARD WILL HAVE TO FIGHT TO SAVE HIS NECK.


THE STRUGGLE GREW MORE INTENSE. THEN...
HERE'S MY CHANCE.


THE NETMAN'S LIFE WAS AT THE MERCY OF THE EMPEROR.
I HOPE HE PUTS HIS THUMBS UP. I WON'T HAVE TO KILL YOU THEN.

HE LOST. HE DIES! RICHARD IS FREE!

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